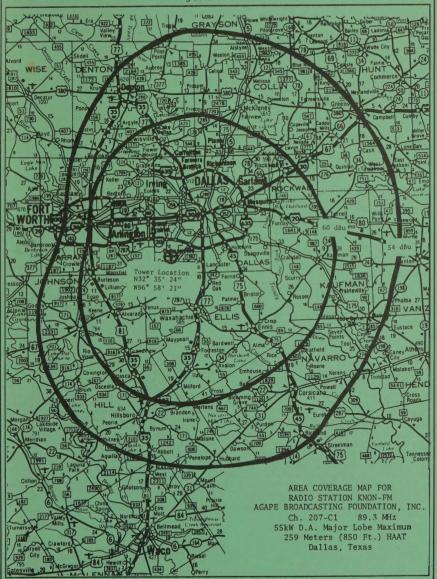
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ANARG UPDATE

IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON

For the past several years, I've been the club's ANARC Representative. I've enjoyed being the ANARC Rep, but now I feel that I can no longer be as effective as I like to be. My life and interests have greatly changed since I took on the job as ANARC Rep. And now I feel there are others in the club who are more capable of handling this position. So, after a great deal of thought, I've informed the club's management Hat I will no longer be the ANARC rep after July 1st. Anyone interested in the position, please contact WTFDA ASAP. I do plan to continue to write an occasional column.

Other ANARC news, the SWL Winterlest was a success. Over 200 hobbyists attended this annual event held over the weekend of March 12th. A club forum was held and 11 clubs were represented, including WTFDA. I would like to thank Dan Cashin, who represented WTFDA at the Winterfest.

The 1994 ANARC Awards were given out at the Winterfest. This year's winners are: North American Shortwave DXer of the Year - John H. Bryant

North American Specialty Band DXer of the Year - Darvil Symington

International DXer of the Year - Harry Weatherly

Congratulations to the winners, all well deserve this honor,

Interested in a subscription to the ANARC Newsletter, called <u>UPDATE</u>? The price for a one year subscription is US\$ 7.00 in North America, and US\$ 10.00 Overseas. For subscriptions or information, contact:

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Radiocom '94, August 31 to September 3 at the Holiday Inn in Irvine CA. For details, write to: Stewart MacKenzie, 16182 Ballad Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649-2272.

National Radio Club Convention, September 2nd to the 5th, at the Ramada Hotel in Nashua, NH. For more information, write to Bruce Conti, 46 Ridgefield Drive, Nashua, NH 03062-1174.

SPRACHMAN'S CORNER: DBS IS HERE!!

By the time you read this, the first DBS (Direct Broadcasting Satellite) transmissions to the home will be in operation. The first DBS satellite, called DBS-1, was launched in December, and tested in March and April. Two separate services will be using DBS-1, "Direct-TV" and "USSB." Each will use the new Digital Compression technology. Receiving equipment will include an 18 inch dish and a "receiver/transcoder/descrambler." This equipment should be available nationwide by this fall.

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And there's more! A second safetile, DBS-2, will be launched later in the year. It will be used solely by Direct-TV and will allow Direct-TV to provide up to 150 channels (or more correctly, 150 "data streams"). What if, in a couple of years Direct-TV and will allow Direct-TV to provide up to 150 channels (or more correctly, 150 "data streams"). What if, in a couple of years Direct-TV vants to have a greater channel capacity and they decide to do what the Europeans do which is to launch another satellite in the same orbital position with a different service will be companied to the same orbital position with a different service will be companied by Direct-TV. I would want to know if these new DBS services will be companied with the Direct-TV equipment, and can an actuator arm be added to the dish and a positioner added to the receiver.

Direct-TV and USSB expect to have 3 to 5 million subscribers within the next three years. And if they don't, they will not be profitable. A great concern is that if these services ever do go out of business, I would have \$700 worth of useless equipment. Cable can go where ever the wire can be installed. The DBS dish needs a clear line of sight to the satellite and it must be directly aimed to provide not only a good picture, but any picture! There is no room for error when positioning a dish to receive signals in the Ku band. DBS will not bring in the local television stations, so the consumer would still need an outside antenna or cable. The 4 networks (CBS, NBC, ABC, and FOX) will only be available to those consumers who do not have access to a network station via cable or over the air. Many people are upset with the price of cable, but DBS may

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KFY:

&: satellite programming

AF: new freq. allocation accepted for filing for a new FM license

CC: call change/new calls assigned CL: city of license change granted CO: new xmtr co-ordinates

CX: a CP has expired, and is cancelled C1,C2, etc: change in class status

DA: directional antenna

DE: calls deleted, license returned to FCC FC: station format change

GA: granted amendment to table of FM allocations

GE: station was granted extension of a CP GX: granted replacement of expired CP MC: multiple-city legal ID

NC: no change yet, on a reported pending grant/change.

NO: station is not on the air NS: a new station granted a license NW: new station signs on the air PA: proposed amendment to change

table of allocations PC>: a power change (increase) PC<: a power change (decrease)

PG>: power change granted (increase) PG<: power change granted (decrease)

QC: frequency change for this station QG: frequency change granted

RA: station returns to the air

RE: station requests extension of a CP RX: station requests re-instatement of

an expired CP SG: slogan change or update

SI: station is silent

XC: station granted a transmitter (xmtr) site change

ALABAMA

Birmingham: WMXQ 94.5 CC (ex WAPI), FC to hot AC "Mix"

Citronelle: WHXT 102.1 SI, pending upgrade Demopolis: WZNJ 106.3 no QC to 106.5 yet, but GE (2nd) Dothan: WESP 102.5 PG> to 10 kW, 461 ft., XC Hartselle: WTAK 106.1 CX (for 4,800 w. at 754 feet)

89.9 AF (Amer. Family Association) Sheffield: *NIS Thomasville: WJDB 95.5 QC (from 95.3): 9.6 kW, 525', XC

Tuscaloosa: WFFX 95.7 XC to 33-5-38 / 87-15-15, a move of about 17 miles, just north of east (80 degree bearing)

ALASKA:

Glenallen: 90.5 AF

Soldotna: KKIS 96.5 CC (ex KAZO), hot-AC-&

ARIZONA:

Chinle: *NS 107.3 AF

Kingman: K296El 107.1 NS: 10w: KLUK 107.9 Laughlin, NV Paradise VIy: KXLL 105.9 NO-RE, PG> to 2,700 w., 492 ft. KKHG 104.1 NW, classic rock, CC (ex KUDO)

Yuma: KTTI 95.1 GX (for 100 kW, 1256ft) (2nd grant) ARKANSAS:

Booneville: KZEU 104.7 FC to jazz "Breeze" for Ft.Smith El Dorado: KLBQ 98.7 QC from 99.3, 14,000 watts Heber Sps: KAWW 96.7 GE (QG to 100.7, 50 kw)

Mtn Pine *NS 101.9 6 kW, 328 ft. N.Little Rock: KZQA 101.1 NO-GE (2nd) Pine Bluff: KUAP 89.7 NO-RE (3rd) NO-GE (4th) Texarkana: KUKB 106.3

KAHV 99.1 Waldo: CC (NS) Waldron: KRWA 103.1 FC, adds Jones country-&

CALIFORNIA:

Bakersfield: KUZZ 107.9 PC> to 6 kW, 1364 feet.

Bakersfield: KOQQ 99.3 SI, PC> to 1200 w, 1345 feet (B1) CC (ex KCHT)

Big Bear L: KTOT 101.7 PC< to 265 w., 1414 ft.

Blythe: KERU 885 PC> to 100 w. and -59 feet. KMXI 95.1 CC (ex KPAY), "Mix" Chico:

Chico: *NS 88.1 AF China Lake: KSSI 102.7 NO-GX Copperopolis: KRVI 105.5CC (ex KREL) Earlimart: KNKD 93.5 NO-GE

KJWL 99.3 PC> to 5030 w. at 349 ft., XC Fresno: Green Acres: KAXL 88.3 NW, contemp. Christian (Bakersfld) Hemet/Riverisde: KXRS 105.7 FC to Spanish, CC (ex KHYE)

KMXZ 93.5 PC to 110w., 2260 feet.

KBCH 107.7 NO-RE (3rd) Kings Bch: Lenwood: KIQQ 104.9 NO-CX-

California:

Los Angeles: KUSC 91.5 PC< to 15.5 kW, 2883 ft, XC, DA Madera: 91.1 AF (Hmong-Asian Pub. Bdcstg) *NS

KROW 103.9 CC (ex KHOV) Mariposa:

KRFD 99.9 FC to Spanish, // KRCX AM 1110 Marysville: KXDE 107.7 NO-GX (2nd) Merced:

CO: 37-25-34 / 120-26-23, a move about 4 miles NNE Memed. KYAJ 94.1 NO-RE(2nd)

Morgan Hill: KSQQ 96.1 PC> to 4,700 w., 161 ft., XC

Sacramento: KXHV 897 NW

917 San Amb *NS AF San Diego: KFMB 100.7 FC coming in June, not known yet

San Francisco: KSOL 98.9 CC (ex KSRY), FC to urban

CC (ex KYA-FM), "Young Country" San Francisco: KYCY 93.3 San Mateo: KYLD 107.7 CC (ex KSOL) (San Fran) "Wild" Santa Cruz: KYLZ 99.1 CC (ex KSRI) "Wild"

KMBY 107.1 Seaside: SI (was modern) Thousand Oaks: KCLU 88.3 NO-RE (3rd)

Thousand Palms: KLOB 94.7 NW, Spanish *NS 883 AF

Victorville: K295AE106.9 NS: 5w(v): KIXW 107.3 Lenwood

Willows: KQSC 105.5 CC (ex KIQS) Yermo: KYHT 105.3 NO-GE Yreka: *NS 91.3450 w., 2327 ft.

Yuba City: KXCL 103.9 PC to 510 w, 2024 ft

CO: 39-12-20 / 121-49-10, a move about 11 mi. WNW **COLORADO:**

Colo. Sps: KTLF 90.5 PC> to 914w.(h), 3657 w. (v) KM.II 100.3 FC to 70s oldies, still "Magic" Denver: Denver: KBPI 105.9 FC to hit AC "Alice at 106", with

new calls expected soon, see 106.7 below. Denver. KBPI 106.7 CC (ex KAZY), rock

Grand Jct: 88.1 16 watts, 1,246 feet

Grand Jct: K214CA 90.7 10w(v): KEAR 106.9 San Francisco Steamboat Sps: K203BQ 88.5 NS: 21w: KUNC 91.5 Greeley

Strasburg: KAGM 102.3 NO-GE

CONNECTICUT:

PC> 10 kW, 554 ft,and DA Bridgeport: WPKN 895 E.Lyme: WXZR 98.7 NW, Z-Rock (&), for New London

DELAWARE:

Bethany Bch: WKHI 95.9 PG> to 25 kW, 298 ft. XC, (B1) Fenwick Is: WLBW 92.1 NW. oldies & // WLVW 105.5 MD

> KCLX 102.9 CLASSIC ROCK

FLORIDA: IDAHO: Big Pine Key: WWUS104.7 FC to adult standards (&) Idaho Falls: KFTZ 103.3 PC> to 100 kW, 803 ft., DA DeFuniak Sps: WMXZ103.1 CC (ex WLGH) "Mix" Pavette: KQXR 100.3 PC> to 98,430 watts, 708 feet Ft.Myers Villas: WROC 106.3 CC (ex WSUV), FC to rock Pocatello: KOSZ1 105.5 NS: 90w booster of Idaho Falls Ft.Pierce: WJFP 91.1 NO-RE KSPT 97.9 FC to talk Sandpoint: QG to 105.3, 6000 watts Gainesville: WYKS 105.5 KJDE 102.5 FC to country-& Sandpoint: WKQS 94.7 Gifford: CC (NS) ILLINOIS: Graceville: WYDA 102.1 NO-GE Alton: KNJZ 100.3 CC (ex KATZ), "Smooth" jazz FC to Spanish hits, "Mega 92" Hialeah: WCMQ 92.3 WAHI 101.1 NO-RE (3rd) Augusta: Homestead: *NS 88.1 AF Beardstown: WRMS 94.3 FC to country-& WWUA 90.1 NO-RE (2nd) Inverness: Belthalto: WFUN 95.5 hours of operation: 0600-2400 CLT 105.5 3 kW @ 302 feet Jupiter: *NS New address: 500 NW Plaza Ste 310, St. Ann, MO 63074= WZMQ 103.9 FC to Spanish talk // WZMQ-AM Key Largo: Dwight: *NS 98.9 3 kw @ 328 feet WRRX 97.7 CC (ex WGGG) Micanopy: Galva: *NS 102.5 AF WAHX 91.9 CC (NS) Monticello: Monee: WGNR 88.9 NO-RE Pennsuro: WFHQ 88.3 NO-RX WZZT 95.1 FC to country & "CD country", Morrison: Pensacola: WWRO100.7 CC (ex WJLQ) "Arrow 100.7"= also GA from 95.1 A to 102.7 A Perry: WNFK 105.5 FC to news,talk (PRM) Oregon: *NS 106.1 3 kW, 328 feet Pt.St.Joe: WMTO 935 CX (for 14.5 kw, 669ft, C2), RX WMXP 93.3 CC (ex WKZW), FC to Peoria: Quincy: WTPS 100.7 PA: from 100.7-A to 100.7-C3 adult contemporary, "Mix 93.3" Sanibel: WRWX 98.5 NO-RE(9th) W234AE94.7 NS. 38w; WQEZ 94.3 Chillicothe, IL Peoria: Santa Rosa Bch; WWAV 102.1 QC from 102.3: 18 kW, 384 ft. Peru: WLRZ 100.9 FC to adult rock-Unistar& Tallahassee: WHBX 96.1 PC> to 37,000 watts, 479 feet WJEZ 103.1 QG to 93.7, 6 kw, 459 ft. (BUT, they Pontiac: PC> to 100 kW, 279 ft., DA Tallahassee: WFSQ 91.5 were already on 93.7 when I was in Illinois last August!-gc) Tarpon Sps: WYFE 88.9 PG< to 75 kW. 466 ft. and XC Ramsey: WJLY 93.3 PC> to 5.5 kW, 328 feet WDJY 101.7 CC (ex WCWB), PC> to 6 kW, 328' Trenton: Rockford: WFEN 88.3 PC> to 1,600 watts, 581 feet **GEORGIA:** Springfield: *NS 89.7 500 w., 328 feet Atlanta: WPCH 94.9 SG "Peach 94-9"= Spring VIv: WAIV 103.3 NW, news/talk (PRN) Augusta: WGUS 102.3 FC to country, "Froggy 102.3"= Sterling: *NS 91.5 AF (Northern State U.) Blackshear. WKUB 105.1 SG "Cub Country 105"= Warsaw: *NS 89.5 AF (Western Illinois Univ) **Rostwick** WMOQ 92.3 NO-GE INDIANA: Bowdon: WYAI 105.5 CC (NS) Aubum: WGTB 1023 FC, now hot AC (Pt.Wavne) WULS 103.7 SG "103.7 FM WLS"= Broxton: Bicknell: WUZR 105.7 PC to 1,800 w. at 426 ft. Cedartown: WJCK 88.3 NW, religion Chesterton: *NS 89.5 AF Douglas: W236AB 95.1 noted on, but 20 mi east of town! Churubusco: WKQM 96.3 NW, easy/standards (Ft. Wayne) (translates WVFJ 93.3 Manchester)= PC> to 34 kW, 604 ft., DA Pt.Wavne: WBNI 89.1 Evans: WYFZ 92.3 see 100.9 Waynesboro= Marion: *NS 90.9 AF (Ball State) Ft.Valley: WIBB 97.9 CC (ex WVVY), FC to urban= Michigan Cty: W203AJ88.5 NS: 55w: WAFR 88.3 Tupelo, MS WWIQ 96.5 NW, album rock= Gray: Mt.Vernon: WBLZ 106.7 FC to soft AC& WCHZ 95.1 PC> to 5,700 w., 538 ft. Harlem: Portland: *NS 91.7 AF (Ball State Univ.) Jesup: WIFO 105.5FC to country "Big Dog Country Scottsburg: QC from 100.9 (2200 w., 512 ft) WMPI 105.3 105.5" and mentions 1370 AM also= Seelyville: WTHC 95.9 CC (ex WAGD) WKBG 107.7 NW, country "Big Country 107.7"= Martinez: WKUZ 95.9 Wabash: FC to country& Milledgeville: WLRR 100.7 SG "Lite 100 FM" Walton: 6 kw, 328' (Christian Friends Botng) *NS 93.7 Mt. Vernon: WAHZ 101.7 CC (NS) IOWA: Nashville: WJYF 95.3 SG "Lite 95.3 FM", and was mono= Asbury: KIKR 103.3 NW WLPF 98.5 NW, gospel, \$, "Good News Clinton: KCLA 97.7 GA from 97.7-A to 94.7-A Network", // WGPH 91.5 Vidalia, and WLPT 88.3 Jesup, but Decorah: *NS 104.7 4.500 watts, 211 feet. they do run separate IDs= Dubuque: KGGY 102.3 FC to country WQTU 102.3 PC> to 1100 watts, 745 ft., no DA Fairfield: 95.9 FC to oldies= KIIK St.Simons I: WMOG 92.7 FC to soft AC& KOKX 95.3 QG to 96.3, 90.4 kW, 981 ft, XC, C1 Keokuk Springfield: WQQT 103.9 FC to gospel? Such programming Webster City: KQWC 95.7 FC to talk was heard on a Saturday afternoon= KANSAS: Statesboro: WUUF 102.9 NO-CX-RX (6th) Copeland: KYBD 98.1 NW, hot a/c (&) WJFL 101.9 NW, oldies-&, "J-101.9"= KGZF 99.5 NO-CX-RX Thomasville: W222AB92.3 noted on the air, and operating Emporia: NO-GE (3rd) Herington: KDMM 96.3 in stereo (translates WFSQ 91.5 Tallahassee)= Topeka: KWIC 993 NW, news/talk Tifton: WPLH 103.1 QC from 102.9 Tribune: K204CD 88.7 NS: 204w: KJIL 99.1 Copeland WATG 95.7 NO-GF Trion: Warnego: KHCA 95.3 PC> to 6,000 watts Waycross: WWUF 97.7 FC to classic rock, "Classic Rock KENTUCKY: 97.7"= Waynesboro: W??? 100.9 RA with urban, // 92.3 WYFZ Evans Bowling Grn: WMJM 96.7 PG> to 3,580 watts (new calls?), "Augusta's Hot FM-The Beat"= Bradenburg: WMMG 93.5 runs WHAS-11 6pm newscast= Waynesboro: WYFA 107.1 format is religion (BBN)= Campbellsville: WVLC 99.9NO-GE, PG> to 9.7 kW, 518 ft., XC C3 status, also CL: Mannsville, Kentucky **GUAM:** Columbia: WAIN 93.5 heard in mono= Barrigada: *NS 88.1 AF

Edmonton:

Greenville:

Harlan:

WAPC 99.1 CC (ex WKNK)

WTUK 105.1 PC> to 440 watts

WWHK 105.5 RA w/ AC // WLLS-FM Hartford, KY

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HAWAII:

KAOI

K224CG 92.7 NS: 76w(h): KPOA 93.5 Lahaina

95.1 PC> to 100 kW, 1230 feet

Maalea:

Wailuku:

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Lakeville:

Marshall:

Marshall:

Osakis.

Proctor:

Stlouis:

Worthington: *NS

Ortonville:

FM NEV	VS		
Kentucky	:		
London:	WYGE	92.5	NO-GE, QG to 92.3 (C2), 23 kW,
tower	height of	722 ft.,	and XC
			FC to soft AC&
Midway:	WAHY	107.9	CC (NS)
Paducah:			
			I NO-RE (2nd)
			NW, a/c, "Ritzy 101.5"=
Wilmore:	WVYI	96.3	NO-RE (2nd)
LOUISIA	NA:		
Basile:	KSIG	102.1	PC> to 25 kW,328 feet FC to adult
			C (ex KBAZ)
Baton Rouge			CC (ex KAFL)
Clayton:	*NS	107.9	AF
Ferriday:	KSTH		CC (ex KFNV), FC to country&
	G to "So		DO . JOIGN LEGES
Kaplan:	KMDL	97.3	PC> to 48KW at 536 ft.
Lafayette:	KRRQ	95.5	NO-RE (5th)
L.Charles:			FC to CHR/classic rock
Mamou:	KAHK		CC (*NS)
Maurice: Monroe:	KFXZ KLIP	106.3 105.3	PG> to 2,600 watts FC, adds Unis Adult rock (&)
Thibodaux:	*NS	90.5	AF
	140	30.5	Al
MAINE:		NALADA	7 00 4-0144 0056-4
Madison:	WHAA		7 PC> to 6 kW, 285 feet NO-GE(4th)
Pittsfield:	WPBC	97.5 99.5	NO-GX (4th)
		99.5	140-GX (401)
MARYLA	*NS	00.7	AF
Massey:	WRXS	88.7	
Ocean City:	w rock "		PG>to 6 kW, 303 ft., XC, NW to
MASSAC			
			FO
Falmouth: S.Yarmouth:	WCIB		FC back to a/c-& "Lite 101.9"= CC (ex WATB)
Webster:	WXXW		NW, oldies nite and talk day=
Worcester:	WBPR		CC (ex WAYW)
		31.3	CC (ex variv)
MICHIGA		000	FO
Cadillac:	WKJF *NC	92.9	FC, now relays WTCM 103.5
Flint: Harrison:	*NS WKKM	88.9 92.1	AF (Natl. Inspirational Network) FC, country // WKCQ 98.1
Houghton:	WOLV	97.7	CC (ex WOLF) "Wolf"
Hudson:	WAHU		CC (NS)
Iron Mtn:	W244A		NS: 4 w. WPFF 90.5 Sturgeon Bay
Marlette:	WBGV		NO-RE (2nd)
Mio:	WCLX		NW, a/c // WCLS 100.7 Oscoda=
Rogers City: \			adds ABC - Moby talk to country
Traverse City		89.9	PG> to 12.5 kW @ 554 ft.
W.Branch:	WBMI	105.5	PC> to 6,000 watts
MINNES			
Browerville:	KXDL	99.7	FC to hot AC-&
Cambridge:	WREV		FC: new rock // KREV 105.1 CC
	LOL), "R		
Cloquet:	WKLK		PC> to 25 kW, 315 feet
Duluth:	KLXK	101.7	NW, oldies&
Jackson:	KRAQ		NW, oldies&
Laten Alex	MDEN!	4054	CO / MITON FOA-

KREV 105.1 CC (ex WTCX), FC to new rock

KBJJ 107.5 QC from 107.1, 9 kW, 213 feet.

KARL 105.1 modify CP to PG> to 17,700 watts

89.3 100 kW, 554', MN Public Radio

KMVC 91.7 CX (QG for 93.1)

KBHL 103.9 PC> to 6 kW, 328 ft, DA

KJJO 104.1 FC to classic country

KAHF 106.3 CC (NS)

KUSZ 102.7 CC (NS)

Pelican Rapids: KBOT 104.1 NO-GE

390 ft height, and C3 status. Worthington: KLFN 93.5 CC (NS)

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MISSISSIPPI:
           WMJY 93.7 CC (ex WQID), "Magic"
Biloxi:
                  104.3 PA to add freq. here
Rude:
           WKDJ 96.5 CX (for 25 kW, 263 ft, C3)
Clarkedale:
           WCLD 103.9 PC> to 6 kW, 315 ft.
Cleveland:
           WFFF 96.7 FC to oldies, "Mix 96"= WJSJ 97.3 CC (NS)
Columbia:
Sumrall:
Vicksburg:
          WIIN 98.7 FC to urban "98 Jams", calls?=
MISSOURI:
           KGBX 105.9 PC> to 38 kW, 558 ft. CL change
     to Nixa, Missouri.
Columbia: KCOU 88.1 CC (ex KE,U)
           *NS 104.3 6 kW @ 328 ft.
Maryville:
           KNIM 97.1 QC from 99.3, now 21 kW, 354 ft.
           KZPF 92.9 NO-RE (4th)
Ozark:
Poplar Bluff: KZMA 103.5 NO-GE (3rd)
           KWNO 99.3 PC>to 11 kW, C3
Rushford:
Stlouis:
           KNJZ 100.3 see Alton, Illinois
Stlouis
           KIHT
                 96.3 CC (ex KRJY)
Springfield: KTXR 101.3 no FC to country, error last month
Steeleville: KNSX 93.3 NO-RE for RA
Washington: KSLQ 104.5 FC, more uptempo AC=
Washington: KGNV 88.9 FC to lite Contemporary Chr.=
MONTANA:
Belgrade:
           KSCY 96.7 CC (ex KGYW), FC to soft-AC-&
           KRSQ 101.7 CC (ex KTWM)
Laurel:
NEBRASKA:
                   88.9 AF
Omaha:
           *NS
           KNJP 92.1 NO-RX
Sargent:
NEVADA:
Laughlin: K292EU106.3 NS: 48w(h): KRCY 105.9 AZ
Winnemuca: KWNA 92.7 PG> to 140 watts, C3 status
NEW HAMPSHIRE:
Manchester: WLMW 90.7 NO-RE
Rochester: WWEM 96.7 FC to alternative rock
Somersworth: WRGW 98.7 · CC (ex WRZY)
NEW JERSEY:
Asbury Park: WYGG 88.1 RX (stn was CX in Feb. '94)
           WRNJ 107.1 PC< to 1200 w., 718 ft., XC
Belvidere:
          WNJB 89.3 NO-RE (2nd)
Bridgeton:
Long Beach: *NS
                   89.9 AF (Mercer Co. CC)
Margate Cty: WTTH 96.1 PC> to 3 kW
Rio Grande: W206AG 89.1 NS: 170w(v)-WWNJ 91.1 Dover Twp
Wildwood C. WDOX 93.1 NW, adult standards
NEW MEXICO:
           KNUW 95.3 NO-GE(3rd)
Central:
           KWUA 102.3 CX-DE
Chuis.
Clovis:
           *NS 101.5 AF
Farmington: KRAZ 96.9 RA, Unistar adult rock (&)
           KAHP 103.7 CC (NS)
KMYI 102.9 CX-DE
KLSC 92.9 NO-RE
Grants:
Kirtland
Socorro:
NEW YORK:
           WHRL 103.1 FC to easy& for overnights
Briarcliff Mnr. WRGX 107.1 CC (ex WXPS)
Canton:
          WXQZ 101.5 NO-GE
Cape Vincent: WKGG 102.7 SI
Chenango Bridge: *NS 104.1 AF
           WECQ 93.7 CC (ex WRCD)
WBLK 93.7 SG, just calls, no more "Power 94"=
W221AX92.1 is on (WKGB 92.5 Susquehanna)=
Clyde:
Depew:
Endwell:
Honeoye Fls: WRCD 107.3 CC (ex WFUD)
Jamestown: WUBJ 88.1 PC> to 556 w., 305 ft., XC
L.George:
           WCKM 98.5 CC (NS)
Mountour Fls: WNGZ 104.9 FC to a/c (&)
                   95.3 AF (WJIV Radio, Inc.)
Norwich:
           *NS
           W294??106.7 NS, translator of WAQX 95.7
Oswego:
           Manlius-Syrcause noted here (album rock)=
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FW ME	FM NEWS SOUTH CAPOLINA: JUNE 19								
New York	c		Batesburg: WKWQ 93.1 // WKSO 103.9 Orangeburg "The						
Plattsburgh:	WEXP 105.1	C3 status, PG> to 15.5 kW, 417 ft.	Touch" (urban during week, gospel Saturday morning)=						
Potsdam:	*NS 90.3	100 watts, -17 feet	Belvedere: WAFJ 88.5 CC (ex WUOZ)						
Southport:	WOKN 99.5	SG "OK-100", c/w (Elmira)=	Charleston: WSSX 95.1 SG "95 Mix"=						
Renselaer:	WQBK 103.9	GX (for 6 kW, 302 feet)	Chester: WDZK 99.3 was heard simulcasting AM 980						
Stillwater:	WKJE 101.3	CC (ex WSSV)	WBZK York, SC, "Classic Oldies WDZK 980 AM"=						
Syracuse:	*NS 90.3	AF (State Univ. of NY)	Chesterfield: WVSZ 107.3 NO-GE						
Utica:	WVVC 100.7	CC (ex WEIF)	Dillon: WEGX 92.9 CC (ex WZNS), country "Eagle 93"=						
Utica:	WRCK 107.3	SG "Hot 107", still top 40=	Florence: W283AB 104.5 WJMX 103.3 Cheraw, is ON air=						
NORTH	CAROLINA	20 200	Grey Court: WSSL 100.5 CX (for 63 kW, 1191 ft., XC, C1)						
Hatteras:	WVAV 94.3		Johnston: WKSX 92.7 SG "Oldies KSX"=						
Hope Mills:	WCCG 104.5		Lancaster: WRHM 107.1 PC> to 3,300 w. @ 436 ft.						
Leland:		CC (ex WAHG)	Loris: WVCO 94.9 country // WYAK 103.1 Surfside Bch						
Lumberton:	WJSK 102.3		SG "Y103 and Y 94.9"=						
Ocracoke:	WAHL 92.9		McClellanville: WWSS 98.9 CC (ex WZJQ)						
Shallotte:		CC (ex WDZD), QC from 93.5	Myrtle Beach: translators on: 89.7 (WMHK 91.3 Columbia), and						
		serving Myrtle Beach, SC=	95.9 (WYFH 90.7 N.Charleston), but the 94.3 xltr for						
	nes: WAHP 102.		WCCA 106.3 Shallote, NC is not on the air=						
		CC (ex WHTE)	N.Myrtle Beach: WNMB 105.9 QC from 105.5, "B 105.9"=						
		NW, "Wilmington's Gold 104"=	S.Congaree: WFMV 95.3 SG "Gospel 95.3"=						
	em: WXRI 91.5		Scranton: WSQR 102.9 SG "Sunny 102.9", also, the 95.3						
	em: WBFJ89.3		translator in Florence is on the air=						
	Bch: *NS 93.7		St.Matthews: WQKI 93.9 SG "Quickie 93.9"=						
	DAKOTA:		St.Stephen: WTUA 106.1 QC from 105.9, gospel=						
	V96.7NW, easy	listening (&)	SOUTH DAKOTA:						
Bismarck		CC (ex KBMK), NO-GE	Rapid City: KGGG 100.3 SG "Oldies 100.3", FC-oldies=						
Dickinson:	KRRD 99.1	NO-GE	Sioux Falls: K288EP105.5 NS: 229 w: KIKN 100.5 Salem						
OHIO:	141110 00.1	110 GL	Sisseton: KSWS 89.3 NO-GE (11th!)						
Bryan:	*NS 88.5	AF	TENNESSEE:						
Byesville:	WUFA 97.7								
Centerville:	WCWT 101.5	NO-GE, PG< to 1.8 kW, 413', XC heard playing Grateful Dead, in	Coalmont: WSGM 104.7 CO: 35-16-44, 85-44-02.4, Colonial Hts: WLJQ 105.9 NO-RE						
	o, so they are still								
		FC to oldies (Dayton market)							
Geneva:		QG to 104.7, 6 kW, 328 ft., XC	Fayetteville: W265AU100.9 NS: 380 w: WLLX 97.5 Lawrencebg Henderson: WFKX 95.9 PC> to 6 kW						
		NW, a/c, MC: Wasington C.House=	Hendersonville: W233AF 94.5 NS: 27w: WAYM 88.7 Columbia						
		FC to contrmp. Christian (Columbs)	Kingsport: WKOS 104.9 PC> to 2,740 watts, 492 ft., DA						
Lebanon:	WMMA 97.3		Lafayette: WLCT 102.1 CC (ex WAHE)						
Marysville:		FC to classic hits "Arrow"	Loudon: WNOX 99.1 PC>to 6 kW						
Oxford:	WMUB 88.5		Milan: W205AR 88.9 NS: 55w - WAFR 88.3 Tupelo						
	WTGR 97.5		Minor Hill: WEUP 92.1 PG> to 2000 watts, 479 ft.						
	WYSO 91.3	PG> to 37 kW, DA, class B	Monterrey: WKXD 106.9 FC to hot AC. PC> to 23 kW, 735						
OKLAHO		T GP 10 07 KVV, DPI, GGGS D	Nashville: WJXA 92.9 CC (ex WZEZ), "J 92.9", still a/c						
		DV/OC to 90.2 151w 200.8)	Smyrna: WRLG 94.1 FC, is modern rock, // WRLT 100.1						
Langston:		RX(QG to 89.3, 151w., 200 ft.)	Franklin during AM drive, spilts at around noon=						
OREGOI			Walden: W278AB103.5 NS: 240w: WKXJ 97.3 S.Pittsburg						
Ashland:	K246AD 97.1	10w(h): KYJC 96.9 Grants Pass	Woodbury: WLMM 104.9 NO-GE (3rd)						
Coos Bay:	*NS 93.5		TEXAS:						
Eugene:		CC (ex KPNW), "Oldies"							
		NS: 40 w- KSMF 89.1 Ashland							
Medford:		NS: 41 w- KLDR 98.3 Grants Pass							
Medford:		NO-RE (3rd)	Amarillo: *NS 90.7 AF (Amer. Family Assn) Amarillo: KJRT 88.3 NW						
		9 PC> to 8 kW, 1112 feet							
Myrtle Pt:	KAHY 94.1								
	ISLANDS								
Chalan Kond	oa: *NS 88.1	AF							
PENNSY	LVANIA:		Benavides: KAHL 107.7 CC (NS)						
Bradford:	WBRR 100.1	FC to oldies (&)=	Big Sandy: *NS 90.7 10,000 w(v), 394 feet						
Bumham:	WVNW 96.7		Big Spring: KBST 95.9 QC from 95,3 "95.9 K-Best 95"						
E.Stroudsbu	rg: WESS 90.3	PC> to 1 kW, -121 feet	Bloomington: KLUB 106.9 PG> to 25 kW, 269 ft., class C3						
Erie:	*NS 90.5		Brownwood: KPSM 99.3 C2 status, PG> to 50 kW, 472 ft.						
Hazleton:		PC< to 26 kW, @ 672 ft, DA	Clifton: KWOW103.3 FC to oldies& "Fun"						
Olyphant:		FC to sports radio	College Stn: KAMU 90.9 PC> to 32 kW, 341 ft. and DA						
Pittston:		SG "Kiss 102.3", top 40=	College Stn: KEOS 89.7 CC (NS)						
Pt.Matilda:	WXXZ 107.9		Colorado Ci: KAUM 106.3 SG "Real Country", c/w-&						
	: WFRY 95.5		Comfort: KRNH 95.1 NW, CC (ex KATG)						
		FC to contemporary Christian	Dension: KTCY 104.9 RX (for 50 kW, 492 ft)						
		PG> to 494 w, -331 feet	Electra: KWTA 94.9 NO-RE (5th)						
PUERTO		# TSU							
		nish "Cofresi 103.7"	0)						
Layas, WOF	100.714VV, Opa	Tion College 100.7							

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Texas:								
Gainesville:	KPXG	107.9	NO-RE					
Gruver:	K216C	R91.1	NS: 161w(h): KJIL 99.1 KS					
Howe:	KHYI	95.3	NW, "Real Country" (&)					
Hutto:	KIKY	92.1	SI, will be country&					
Idahou:	KAHT	105.7	CC (NS)					
Ingleside:	KZHX	101.3	CC (NS)					
Jacksboro:	*NS	93.7	6 kW, 210 ft.					
Jasper:	KNKE	107.3	NO-GE (11th!)					
Junction:	KAHO	93.5	CC (NS)					
Lamesa:	KMMX	104.7	SG "Mix 104.7", a/c& (for Lubbock)					
Lamesa:	KIOL	100.3	SG "K-Lite 100.3", soft AC& (this					
Lamesa station programs for Midland-Odessa)								
Los Ybanez:	KYMI	107.9	SG "Y-107.9", a/c-&					
Midland:	KCHY	106.7	SG "Power 106 Vour Power Sta"					

Monahans: KCDQ 102.1 SG "Texas 102", country/classic rock New Boston: *NS 95.1 Plainview: 97.3 SG "Star 97" (ac-&) KATX

KZTX 106.3 San Angelo: KKLK 101.9 reported SI SG "97-5 KGKL Country West San Angelo: KGKL. 97.5

Texas Giant" San Angelo: KDCD 929 SG "92.9 CD Country", country-& San Angelo: *NS 90.1 AF Seadrift: *NS 105.1 AF KJAK 92.7 SG "92.7 K-Jack", religious

Sweetwater: KXOX 96.7 SG "The Box", 50s-60s oldies Winnsboro: KWNS 104.9 FC to southern gospel

UTAH: Coalville: Enterorise: Escalante:

Refugio:

KCUA 92.5 NW, variety // KPCW 91.9 Park City K293AF106.5 NS: 10w(v): KZEZ 93.5 St. George K300AG107.9 NS:10w(v)- KSSD 92.5 Cedar City KKWZ 93.7 FC to country-&

CX (for 106.1, C3, 24,450 w.)

Richfield: K272DP102.3 NS: 10w(v)- KUFR 91.7 S.L.C.

VERMONT:

Bolton: 91.7 AF (Christian Ministries) Danville: WSHX 95.7 NO-GE

Marlboro: *NS 101.5 2.6 kW, 344 feet. Sunderland: WJAN 95.1 SG "Cat Country", simulcasting a

94.5, I would guess this could be WZKK 94.5 Rutland? Vergennes: WWGT 96.7 NO-RE



VIRGINIA:

Ashland: WYFJ 100.1 PC> to 6 kW, 321 feet Charlottesville: *NS 91.9 400 w. at 945 feet

Charlottesville: WLJL 107.5 NO-RE Clarksville: WLCQ 98.3 FC to JSN adult.con (&)

Deltaville: WILID 923 NO-RX Edinburg: WOTC 88.3 NW Kenbridge: WPEX 90.9 CC (new to air) WJJX 101.7 Lynchburg: CC (ex WJJS) WZVA 103.5 CC (NS)

Marion: WSOJ 100.3 CC (ex WSVV), FC to urban "J100" Petersburg:

WRXT 90.3 Roanoke: NO-GE (2nd) WBGT 93.1 CC (ex WKDW) 'B93" Staunton:

Vinton: WWF0106.1 NW, urban // WJJX 101.7 Lynchburg White Stone: WNDJ 104.9 NO-GE (2nd)

Winsdor WSVY 1077 PG> to 5,200 w., 351 ft., DA, XC

VIRGIN ISLANDS: Christiansted: WIVH 90.9 NW, religion

WASHINGTON:

Moses Lake: *NS 91.5 AF (Washington State Univ) Royal City: KRCW 96.3 NO-RE, CC (ex KQVN) Seattle: 957 FC to 70's oldies Walla Walla: *NS 89.7 AF (Wash. State Univ.) Walla Walla: KHSS 100.9 no QC to 100.7 yet (GE)

WEST VIRGINIA:

WCBC 107.1 CC (ex WKZG) Kevser.

Summersvil: WMLJ 90.5 NW

WISCONSIN:

WBDK 96.7 FC to adult standards & Algoma:

Ellison Bay: W219BI 91.7 NS: 10w-WGBW 91.5 Green Bay WHSM 101.7 FC, adds oldies-& to a/c Hayward: WNXR 107.3 50,000 watts, 380 ft. Iron River: Lancaster: WGLR 97.7 GA from 97.7-A to 97.7-C3

WVBO 103.9 CC (ex WMGV), oldies Pt.Washington: WGLB 100.1 PC> to 5,200 w., 353 ft., DA

Rhinelander: WZTT 97.5 NO-RE (7th)

Rock Springs: KUWZ 90.5 NO-RE

Sheboygan: W255AC98.9 NS: 38w-WPFF 90.5 Sturegon Bay Trempealeau: WKBH 105.5 FC: simulcast WQJY 100.1 West

Salem, WI, days, and is "Z-rock" (&) 7pm to 5am. Wisconsin Dells: WGLX 103.3 CC (ex WWRW) FC: clas. rock

WYOMING:

Buffalo: KLGT 92.9 no QC to 92.9 yet (GE-5th) KCSP 90.3 call change confirmed= Casper: Casper KPGM 106.9 SG "Jukebox 107", oldies-Eden: K276DV 103.1 NS: 211w(v)- KCSP 90.3 Casper Freedom: K275AB102.9 NS: 10w(v): KPKY 94.9 Pocatello,ID

Thanks to the following people for contributing this month: Matt Sittel, Doug Smith, Dave Nieman, Neil Griffin, John Johnson, Bill Nollman, George Greene (for assistance with calculating distance of tower moves), Peter George, Eric Buenema, Deborah Lee Oliver, Bill Hale, and of course M Street Journal. Both the yearly M Street Radio Directory, and the weekly newsletter, from where many of the informationin FM NEWS is taken from (although the actual M St. Newsletter contains quite a bit of additional information that is not listed here), are potentially very interesting to the FM DXer. They can be contacted at their NYC address in the header of this column, if you are interested. If you are interested in the FM Atlas, contact Bruce Elving at 241 Anderson Road, Esko, Minnesota 55733-9143. Bruce also offers some other products as well, FMedia!, and some other things, write for details.

. Deborah Lee Oliver sends an article from the Pensacola News Journal concerning the recent format change at 100.7 there. WJLQ-FM changed from adult urban contemporary music to the "rock 'n' roll oldies" format that is becoming more and more popular. The new slogan is "Arrow 100.7", which stands for "All Rock 'n' Roll Oldies" (Since this article, the station has changed call letters to WWRO-gc). This format plays oldies mainly from the '70s, but with a few songs from the '60s and early '80s mixed in, targeting the 25 to 54 year old demographic. This format change took place despite WJLQ's urban format being ranked third in the Pensacola market ratings.

(WWRO 100.7 Pensacola....) "We felt we were successful in the ratings and had enjoyed financial success, but as we went on, other urban stations started tailoring what they did to match us, so we ended up splitting the pie," said WJLQ program and operations director Greg Gordon. "We did research that showed that there was a niche for music from the '70s that primarily appealed to some of the older rock listeners." In the same market, WWSF 98.1 (Andalusia, AL) recently switched to a similar classic rock format. Gordon notes that their format is a bit different, because they also play rock hits from the mid-80s. 100.7 is owned by WKRG-TV, Inc., which also owns WKRG-TV 5 and FM 99.9 in Mobile, and WCOA-AM 1370, inPensacola. Gordon is currently teamed with Lisa Cagle for the station's morning drive team.

...John Johnson sends in an item from Magic City Monthly, Yellowstone County's Positive Newspaper (Billints, Mont.), on the raging war between country stations in that market: KIDX (98.5 "The Dawg"), and KCTR (102.9 "The Cat"). During the past five years, KCTR has really dominated the Billings market, getting a truly amazing 41 share for the morning show! Well The Dawg has responded with a new morning team in February, Scott Innes and "Big D". They claim: "We're at a 0.0 and no where to go but up!" KCTR seems unphased by their new competition: "Our ratings are high", admits Paul Mushaben, (one of The Cat's "Flakes", the morning show) "We've continously had a 30 share. Most markets in the country that have between 10 and 20 stations try for an 8. Maybe it's the music...but I doubt it. We like to think it's us." Mike Gorman, new general manager at "FM 98 The Dawg" questions the value of ratings in a market as small as Billings, because of Arbitron's small sample sizes, ratings only twice a year, and survey methodology. It wil be interested to see how this battle in Billings turns out!





.. Doug Smith writes with some items from Omaha: KEZO-FM gets a new general manage, as their ratings dropped to 6.8, seventh place, down from third place in Fall 1993....Former WOW-FM afternoon personality Jay Daniels landed a job at KDRK (93.7) Spokane, Wash...KIWR 89.7 Council Bluffs, la. gets a new slogan, changing from "The Classical Station", to "Heartland Public Radio"...WOW is moving its "Radio Ranch" studios, to a new location on N 72nd St., between Military and Crown Pt. Aves. not far from the stations transmitting facilities.

. Bill Hale, of Boise, Idaho, writes with some updates that he has pulled of various Internet resources, such as Prodigy's Biznet....EZ Communications INc. has purchased the assets of KZOK-FM Seattle (102.5) for \$19.75 million. The company also operates KMPS AM/FM (1300/94.1), also in the Seattle market. The deal has not been approved yet by the FCC.....Partech Holdings Corp. has reached an agreement to purchase WMOG-FM (92.7 St.Simons Island, Ga.) and WMOG-AM (1490 Brunswick), pending FCC approval. The agreement also provides for programming for the stations before the closing of the deal. Partech has also reached agreements in principle for 5 additional stations, 4-FM and 1-AM, in the southeastern U.S., and wants to purchase an additional FM station. No other details were given. The company is also in the process of constructing a brand new FM radio station, to serve the Florida Keys: WKKB-FM (It will be on 105.5, with Colony beach being the city of licesnce).....In Indianapolis, Emmis Broadcasting Corp. (EMMS) has signed an agreement worth \$26 million, to acquire the assets of WIBC-AM (1070), and WKLR-FM (93.1) Indianapolis, from Horizon Broadcasting Corp., pending FCC approval.....Some big news out of the Big Apple....New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliana wants to sell the city's WNYC-FM (93.9), as part of a plan to close that city's large budget deficit. The station holds a commercial license, but nevertheless has been operated as a public station since its beginnings, way back in 1943. It is said that the station could be sold for up to \$45 million. Price may not be as high as hoped, because any new owner would have to handle startup costs, a problem in such a crowded radio market. The FMs programming, news, and classical music, would be moved to a new non-commerical frequency that was not specified (I have also heard rumors that the programming could move to WNYC-AM 820-gc).....EZ Communications has agreed to buy the assets of WUSL-FM (98.9 Philadelphia, Pa.) and WTPX-FM (106.7 Ft.Lauderdale, Fla.), from Tak Communications, for \$50 million. This deal comes with conditions, however, because Tak is operating under bankrupcy conditions, and the deal also needs approval by the FCC. (Tak also owns WGRZ ch2, here in Buffalo, I believe-gc).





Another month and another column. A few new tidbits. Fox Net premiers on June 1 on Galaxy 7 Tr 4 - East and Tr 5 - West. USA Latin America is on Morelos 2 XPDR 16. On Galaxy 1 XPDR 5 - Classic Arts Showcase. RAI is now scheduled for Galaxy 4 XPDR 23. There"s a lot of new stuff on Satcom F2. XPDR 3 - days - KWHY - Ch 22 - Los Angeles with The Business Channel XPDR 7 - American Information Channel (Commercials) XPDR 19 - NHK - Tokyo main feed

New Services Planned -The Independent Film Channel owned by American Movie Classics will premier in the Fall - Sat not known yet.

Telehit - an Hispanic Music Channel from Mexico currently on M2 XPDR 23 is planning to be marketed in the US $\,$

Home and Garden Television Network premier and sat

Others to follow - sat as yet unknown
The Popcorn Channel Previews of current films
The Automotive Television Network
TACH - The Auto Channel
American Political Channel
Hobby Craft Network
Parenting Satellite Television Network
Classic Sports Network
America's Talking
There - I did find a few thanks to Broadcasting Magazine
and several other sources.

In OTHERNESS The old Telstar 301 is currently filling for the
ailing Anik with Galaxy 6 - finally replacing Galaxy
2 at 74 West as this reaches you.

Spacenet 2 at 69 West has been renamed Satcom SN2. That's all for this time around. I'll try to complete the satellite video services next month.

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Satellite Times...

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Grove Enterprises, publisher of Monitoring Times, announces a new magazine -- Satellite Times. The new bi-monthly magazine will cover every phase of satellite communications, including commercial, military, broadcasting, amateur, scientific, government, personal communications and even private satellite systems. Each issue will have the latest news from NASA, satellite launch announcements, technical information, product announcements and equipment reviews.

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Abbreviations used in this column: ERP= Effective Radiated Power in kW HAAT= Height Above Avg. Terrain

nc= no change TL= Tower Location

CP= Construction Permit
Pr= Province (of Canada)

*= Non-commercial

CRTC= Canadian Radio-Television Commission

DBS= Direct Broadcast Sat. SS:= Spanish language

TAB= Three Angels Broadcasting
Network (religious)

NEW STATION APPLICATION DISMISSED

Ch St City; applicant
CO Denver; Roberts Broadcasting

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

 St
 Ch
 ERP
 HAAT
 Call
 City

 OR
 26
 110.2
 428
 KMVU
 Medford

 PR
 18
 nc
 275
 WSJU
 San Juan

 (New TL:
 2km NNE of Aguas Buenas, at the WRWR-30 site)

WI 21 1127 453 WHA-TV Madison (specifies a "new" TL but best I can tell, there's no change from their "old new TL" west of town)

CHANGES GRANTED TO EXIST-ING STATIONS

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{\text{St}} & \underline{\text{Ch}} & \underline{\text{ERP}} & \underline{\text{HAAT}} & \underline{\text{Call}} & \underline{\text{City}} \\ \underline{\text{TX}} & \underline{24} & \underline{2874} & \underline{\text{nc}} & \underline{\text{KPEJ}} & \underline{\text{Odessa}} \\ \underline{\text{(was 4470kW)}} & \end{array}$

CALL LETTER CHANGES

 City
 Was
 Now

 Phoenix, AZ
 KTSP(10)
 KSAZ-TV

 Knoxville, TN
 WKCH(43)
 WTNZ

 Danville, VA
 WPAJ(24)
 WDRG-TV

STATION BACK ON THE AIR

Meridian, MS: WMDN-24-:
724kW/177m
TL 32°18'43"N, 88°41'33"W
in the tower farm with WGBC-30 and WTOK11, just south of town
Seen by Jeff Kruszka on April 27
testing, and with CBS programming

on the 28th. Formerly WTZH-24.

OTHER STUFF

First, note the new address & phone number above. The new location is 30km north of the old one, and is already proving much better for DX- for one thing, I've already (May 17) logged four Es signals on TV- my first TV skip in three years! The electronic mail address has not changed. (I have, however, written it in Internet format for the benefit of potential electronic contributors on systems other than Compuserve.) If you've already submitted something to 14 Brookside Court, don't worry: the post office will forward it.

Also, I've acquired a fax modem. Which means I can now accept faxed contributions, provided you call first so I can turn the auto-answer on. (I've only got one phone line, which has to be shared between the fax and voice calls)

The call change for WKCH-43 above is not 100% certain, it came from Matt Sittel's sister who wasn't sure she had the new calls right.

Finally, there have been some questions about whether the TV database I had at last year's WTFDA convention will be available. I do plan to have something ready for general distribution by the end of the summer. It'll list USA and Canadian (and some border-area Mexican) TV stations, including LPTVs, by channel number & state, providing networks, power, tower height, and transmitter location. Also planned is a call-letter cross-reference. I don't really know yet how much it's going to cost to print but I'd wild-guess the price to be on the order of \$25-30.

A letter to the editor of Broadcasting and Cable from the general manager of WJKA-26 (now WSFX-TV) notes the process of changing affiliations isn't quite as fast as recent reports may make it seem. The chronology:

Jan. 12: CBS announces at affiliates meeting they've lost NFC rights.

Jan. 13: WJKA GM meets with Fox executives.

Feb. 15: GM informs owners he's investigating a network change.

Feb. 22: GM informs CBS of potential change.

April 6: GM contacts Nielsen, their sales rep, and six existing Fox affiliates to ask for

opinions.

April 4: WSFX-89.1 Nanticoke, PA
gives permission for callletter change.

(Other Stuff, contd.)

April 6: WJKA GM meets with CBS, requests 500% increase in compensation.

April 12: GM signs Fox affiliation

contract.

April 13: CBS sends note revoking affiliation.

For the record, WJKA's GM indicated overlapping coverage (presumably from WBTW-13) was the primary reason for the network swap.

The new Paramount Network has announced some programming plans. Programming will begin sometime after January 1995, and will start on Mondays and Tuesdays between 8 and 10pm Eastern.

Fox has added two new affiliates: KJWA Grand Junction, CO (I have no listing for any unbuilt CPs in Grand Junction..) and (currently-dark) KVCT-19 Victoria, TX. A third, unannounced, primary affiliation was signed in late April.

The "Big 3" TV networks have stopped, at least temporarily, the viewership move to cable. In the 1993/1994 Nielsen ratings season, network TV's share of viewing rose from 60% to 61%. Viewing of independent stations also rose 1%, from 9% to 10%; PBS viewing was flat at 2.3%. Fox lost, going from 12% to 11%, though one can expect that trend to be reversed next year with the football contract. (note that Nielsen's definition of an "independent" includes all "superstations" except WTBS) Advertising sales & revenue are also up at over-the-air stations.

The FCC has told the U.S. Court of Appeals it will attempt to rule by May 23 on whether Rainbow Broadcasting, licensee of WRBW-65 Orlando, violated the "ex-parte" regulations. (these regulations prohibit private meetings between Commission officials and applicants in disputed cases) If the charges, brought by the owners of WKCF-18 there, are upheld, the Commission will likely rescind their extension of WRBW's construction permit, preventing it from going on the air as planned.

WYVN-60 is for sale. The ad in the May 9 issue of *Broadcasting & Cable* indicates the station is currently off the air.

FORUM

Dave Nieman, Akron NY:

Dave forwards an item from the May 5 Buffalo News regarding a potential network swap in that market. The report indicates WIVB-4 officials are negotiating for a NBC affiliation; the station

has been CBS for over 40 years. As the market's third VHF station, WKBW-7, is owned by ABC, a WIVB-4 change would almost certainly end up with WGRZ-2 going CBS.

While CBS is still the #1 network, a WIVB switch to NBC would bring the station the Buffalo Bills games (recently lost by CBS), as well as NBA and baseball programming not available on CBS. Also, the Today Show does much better than CBS's offering in Buffalo.

(interestingly.. the photograph of the station published in the paper is of WBEN AM/FM/TV, which I believe was owned by the paper at the time— the FM station has been WMJQ, and the TV WIVB, for at least 10 years—)

Jeff Kruszka, Baton Rouge LA:

(I mistakenly credited Jeff's reception of new KMPX-29 to John Combs in the May VUD, sorry!)

Jeff visited the Victoria, Texas area in early May & noted KVCT-19, K53CZ, and the MuchMusic LPTV on 57 all off. More in LPTV Watch.

Keith Smith, St. Ann MO:

Another item from Ernie Wesolowski (I think) via Keith, from Omaha, notes the NTV network (KHGI-13, KWNB-6, KSNB-4) plans to expand into Lincoln. K22CX, which has been authorized for years but never built, is finally in the works. The article indicates many Lincolnians currently watch KETV-7 from Omaha, but KETV management doesn't seem concerned about competition from the new translator. KCAN-8 Albion (which has a pending application to move to Lincoln) says its plans to move haven't changed either.

NTV management also says they're interested in carrying the Fox NFL games. I'm not sure how this will work with KTVG-17 in the same market planning a Fox affiliation— but the same article indicates NTV is working on an LMA with KTVG, which might allow this.

On a similar subject, the Columbia Missourian notes that both KRCG-13 and KMIZ-17 there are in negotiation to carry the Fox games. The market's fourth commercial station, KNLJ-25, is a religious outlet.

Keith has been looking at some TV Guides & notes that both Scottsbluff, Nebraska stations (KDUH-4 and KSTF-10) carry "Rush Limbaugh" and "Cheers"— and indeed, both carry "Cheers" at the same time! He also wonders whether their primaries (both stations are satellites) KOTA-3 Rapid City and KGWN-5 Cheyenne are aware of the anomaly. I suspect they are & really don't care, with

(Forum, Keith Smith, contd.)

Scottsbluff being a relatively small market even by comparison to Rapid City & Cheyenne.

Another thing he noted was religious programs on KBDI-12: "Is this legal for a PBS/ETV?" Probably, if noone complains. No, my understanding (and Keith's) is that stations which receive funding from the government are not allowed to air religious programs; this would be considered government support of an establishment of religion, which is unconstitutional.

But to my knowledge, KBDI does not receive federal funding. It's a "viewer-sponsored" station, similar to the Pacifica FM stations. (KPFA, KPFK, KPFT, WBAI, etc.) As such, it's free to air any kind of religious programming it chooses to. I understand KBYU-11 Provo, Utah (which is owned by the Church of Latter-Day Saints) also airs religious programs, for the same reason.

Interestingly, I have heard religious programs on radio stations (WOI-640 Ames, Iowa and WVCP-88.5 Gallatin, Tenn.) which I believe receive government funding. I suspect they get away with it because noone's yet complained.

Randy Miltier, Ashland OR:

Randy sent a large stack of information from Oregon. First, regarding "Dark Stations", he notes KAEF-23 Arcata/Eureka, CA and KMVU-26 Medford, OR are both on; KAEF as a satellite of KRCR-7 (ABC). KMVU was a satellite of K25AS ("KLSR"), the Fox affiliate in Eugene, but on May 3 Randy noted them relaying KOBI-5.

The Ashland, OR Daily Tidings TV listings include a "3 ANG"-42 and a "KTBN"-57. The "3 ANG" is actually Three Angels Broadcasting, though Randy says they ID as 3 ANG. I don't have a listing on this station. "KTBN"-57 would be K57EK Medford; while all these TBNs are at least partially satellites of KTBN-40 Santa Ana, I have yet to see a KTBN ID anywhere outside southern California.

From the San Jose area, Randy notes a "KBI-TV"-31 with an all-news format; reportedly their transmitter is on Monument Peak, above Fremont. (KICU-36 and KSTS-48 are also at this site) "They actually do a pretty good job for a LPTV station...better than some UHF's I've seen!" Sounds like my new local, W43AG Hopkinsville, Ky., which also does an excellent job with a news format. I'm having some difficulty figuring out what this station is though— K31BI is licensed to Kingman, Arizona. Could this actually be K30BI, which is licensed to Palo Alto?

An item in the May 1 Portland Oregonian notes that the paper will now carry listings for "WatchTV". This network consists of a transmitter on channel 19 (K19CT) at Camas, Wash.; on channel 56 (K56BI) on Mt. Scott in Portland; and on channel 66 (I've no listing) at Newberg. The three transmitters provide coverage from Salem, Ore. to Longview, Wash.. Programming includes National Empowerment TV, Seattle Mariner baseball, and local programs. WatchTV president Greg Herman says more LPTVs are planned, for Eugene, Newport, and Bend.

Finally, Randy sent the May 7-13 Oregon State Edition of the TV Guide, which confirms the existence of relatively new stations KEVU-34 (which is a non-Fox independent, in a market where the Fox affiliate is a LPTV!), KMTZ-23, KFTS-22, KDKF-31, KMTX-46, and KEPB-28.

John Combs, Orlando FL:

Well, it happened yet again... WTTA-38 Tampa, while airing a rerun of "Gunsmoke", managed to cut in 9 seconds of video of group sex. An unidentified employee resigned the next day; station management believes the employee was watching the sex film in a control room & inadvertently threw a switch putting the program on the air. Personally, I find it hard to believe TV station employees still dare to watch this stuff at work, after the number of incidents of this type reported.. though that might not have prevented the other incident John saw on WEVU-26 shortly after their signon; a hard-core pornographic movie had been shipped in a canister labeled for a Lloyd Bridges film.. (even then, putting it out for air?!)

Also, John reports seeing WRBW-65 testing in early May with ID 3/4 bars & program audio! He said their signal was very noisy, even with his antenna (and preamp) aimed directly at the tower. Apparently the tests weren't using anywhere near their authorized 5000kW power. The station is already listed in the Orlando TV Guide (though to my knowledge it still isn't running regular programming) with standard reruns. An item in "Other Stuff" above indicates WRBW's legal problems continue.

Fred McCormack, St. Paul MN:

Referring to Bill Draeb's report on WXGZ-32 returning to the air from its original tower, Fred notes a March 29, 1994 permit shows new coordinates. The old tower was at 44°21'32"N, 87°58'58"W, with the new one at

(Forum, Fred McCormack, contd.) 44°21'30"N and 87°58'48"W. Fred speculates there may have been a double typo on the FCC's or Factbook's part, though I note that the second set of coordinates are the same as those of WGBA-26's tower. It had been earlier reported that WXGZ $\,$ planned to go on WGBA's tower; now I'm not sure where they're going!

Fred also noted Joel Rosenberg's logging of a channel 63 translator of WNYB-49 (TBN) and asks "Do you know if he was referring to W63BM, Rochester?" (no, I don't know) "If so, I believe there are now two WNYB-49 translators there." Interesting, yes, there's already a TBN (W59BV) in Rochester- and W63BM is on the same tower as W59BV. I can't find any other 63s in western NY State which could be translating WNYB, unless one which had been translating something else changed.

Bill Hale, Boise ID:

Bill forwarded a number of wireservice items. Starting in Canada, the sale of several New Brunswick Broadcasting Co. stations has been approved by the CRTC. CHSJ-4 (which presumably includes rebroadcasters in Bathurst (CHCR-4), Bon Accord (CHSJ-TV-1, ch. 6), Moncton (CHMT-7), and Newcastle (CHCN-6) was bought by the CBC.

Also sold were CIHF-8 Halifax, Nova Scotia and CIHF-TV-2 (ch. 12) St. John. While not mentioned, I'd assume this sale included the other Maritime Independent TV stations, ch. 11 in Fredericton; 27 in Moncton; 9 in Bridgewater, NS; 18 in Truro, NS; and 20 in Wolfville, NS. These stations were sold to Izzy Asper's Can-West, also owners of Global in Ontario, and a number of stations across Western Canada. The move brings CanWest/Global affiliates in all provinces except Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

Another item notes Fox now claims 97% of TV households will receive the Fox football games, either via secondary affiliates, regular affiliates, or cable. 42 new stations have signed at least secondary affiliations since the football rights were won.

LPTV WATCH

Call St City; programming K19CT WA Camas; "Watch TV" NET/local

K31DG TX Killeen; TBN

K42?? OR Ashland; TAB

K43DV TX Victoria; TBN K51BG TX Victoria; Telemundo

K53CZ TX Victoria; OFF

K55CP TX Victoria; local

K56EI OR Portland; "Watch TV"

K57EK OR Ashland; TBN

K66?? OR Newberg; "Watch TV"

This month from Randy Miltier and Jeff Kruszka. K53CZ had been Telemundo, I presume it moved to channel 51.

DARK STATIONS

KOCB-34

KVBM-45

Does anyone know if any stations on this list are in fact operating? Or if any U.S. stations between channels 34 and 50 and not on this list are off? Thanks!

Oklahoma City, OK

WRUA-34 Fajardo, PR WWLA-35 Lewiston, ME WDKM-35 Vicksburg, MS WDWL-36 Bayamon, PR WSPH-38 Murray, KY WJWN-38 San Sebastian, PR WXAE-40 Toledo, OH KCVF-40 Portland, OR WMTJ-40 Fajardo, PR WLFB-40 Bluefield, WV KVUT-42 Little Rock, AR Battle Creek, MI WJUE-43 WVBT-43 Virginia Beach, VA Rancho Palos Verdes, CA KRPA-44 KGLB-44 Okmulgee, OK WVEO-44 Aguadilla, PR WPCT-44 Danville, VA Leesburg, FL WLCB-45 KWLB-45 Shreveport, LA

Minneapolis, MN

WMHX-45 Schenectady, NY KHCV-45 Seattle, WA KXGR-46 Green Valley, AZ Norwell, MA WHRC-46 WIDP-46 Guayama, PR KTAQ-47 Greenville, TX KTVC-48 Cedar Rapids, IA WYDN-48 Worcester, MA WYDC-48

Corning, NY

WIEC-48 Ponce, PR KNXT-49 Visalia, CA WRXY-49 Tice, FL WDKA-49 Paducah, KY KBQE-50 Albuquerque, NM WQHA-50

Aguada, PR WFBI-50 Memphis, TN

I suspect most of these are unbuilt CPs, though some are known to have operated.

DX ETC.

I've actually had some! Since moving last week, I've logged four TV skip signals and about a half-dozen on FM. Plus plenty of trops. This place is going to be fun...

73 Doug





WRITTEN FOR THE WTFDA AND "VHF/UHF DIGEST" BY TOM BRYANT, 849 TODD PREIS DRIVE, NASH-VILLE, TENNESSEE, 37221 (615) 646-2000

HERE ARE FOURTEEN 14k NUGGETS FROM THE ERA HISTORIANS REFER TO AS "THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION". A TEST PATTERN TOUR OF THE 'BIG APPLE' IS FEATURED BELOW. WOR-tv (9) IS THE ONLY PRE-UHF NYC STATION NOT REPRESENTED. ON THE NEXT PAGE IS A GROUP I'LL CALL 'THE NON-CONFORMISTS'. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE EXAMPLES ARE ADAPTATIONS OF STANDARD PATTERNS, A FEW ARE ONE-OF-A-KIND ODDITIES.







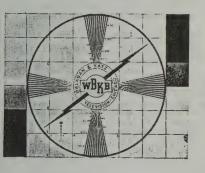






















SOUTHERN · FM DX:

Danny Buntin 1312 N. Skyline Stillwater, OK 74075

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SOUTHERN FM DX is for reporters from: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, NM, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT & WV. Report today!

SPRINGTIME '94 NOT GETTING BY WITHOUT A LITTLE TR & ES

Jeff Wolf, 1131	University Blvd. W.,	apt.701, Silver	Spring, MD	20902
Equipt.: Sears	AM-FM-TV band radio	1 - /		

1253 KLAK 97.5 OK Durant, "Midway Mall, Sherman" "K-lake FM 97.5"

1255 KQUS 97.5 AR Hot Springs, k, "...your home for real country US 97"
ID at 1300 "...Arkansas' power station.."

1355 KBEZ 92.9 OK Tulsa

4/30 Es

1400 KTHK 94.1 OK Okmulgee, r, ID, "Rock in the year of 94.1...","...classic rock 94.1"

1404 KVOO 98.5 OK Tulsa, "When the weather is bad, the coverage is best on...", "KVOO FM 98"

Doug SMith (W9WI), 1385 Old Clarksville Pike, Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098
Well, I've moved out of intermod alley...(Congratulations to you Doug, good dx going. DB) The attached DX is nothing enormously exciting, except that it didn't involve any huge openings, just regular morning enhancements. No skip yet, but it's just a matter of time-- I have seen CCI on local WKRN-2. All the below are new, as I'm 31 miles from the old location. Equipment: Technics ST-G50, clip-lead dipole at 3'. "Real" antenna to follow sometime in June.

-all newly logged

* denotes stations adjacent to Nashville locals. These channels were completey unDXable

at the old location.	
5/10 tr	
0800 W201?? 88.1 TN Clarksville, "Way FM	1"
translator of WAYM-88.7 with gr\$	18
WJAB 90.9 AL Huntsville, j\$	114
WVUB 91.1 IN Vincennes, bm\$, local PSAs	157
WMSK* 95.3 KY Morganfield, calls	99
WHRZ* 97.7 KY Providence, calls	80
W271AB 102.1 TN Nashville, op\$ translate	r
of WQZQ 102.5	22
WEGR 102.7 TN Memphis, local traffic	175
WHRK 97.1 TN Memphis, rs\$	175
WITZ 104.7 IN Jasper, calls, local info	135

	5/10	tr			
	KMIS	106.5	MO	New Madrid, calls	145
	KGMO	100.7	MO	Cape Girardeau, "Oldies 100	.7"
	WBLZ	106.7	IN	Mt. Vernon, calls & rm\$	116
				Huntingdon, calls	83
	WGBF	103.1	KY	Henderson, "103GBF", rps	100
	WKCM	105.7	KY	Hawesvile, calls and local	
	ads				107
	WGKY	95.9	ΚY	Wickliffe, op\$	111
l	WRAY	98.1	IN	Princeton, local ads	138
	Rega	ards, I	Doug	g Smith (W9WI)	

Al Germond, 503 Old 63 North, Columbia, MD 65201

Have DXed from here since 1963 but went inactive in 1990 when we moved and took down Back in the game, time permitting with rabbit-ears and 1954 National the antenna. "Criterion" tuner.

Added the following 4/23-94: (nothing spectacular here) 104.1 KZPD Ash Grove MO (Springfield market, adult standards)

105.1 KOSP Willard, MO (Spfld mkt, oldies)

107.9 KLTE Kirksville, MO contempo Xistian 106.1 KBXR Ashland, MO (Columbia mkt, new-age rock)

95.1 KLGS Versailles, MO (country)

97.9 KKLL Webb City, MO (Joplin mkt, oldies)

96.1 KLRQ Clinton, MO CHR

103.5 KWXD Asbury, MO (Joplin mkt, oldies)

95.5 KZBE Pleasant Hope, MO (Spfld mkt, AOR)

92.3 KBUG Osceola, MO

Added 4/24-94:

96.5 KLTQ Sparta, MO (Spfld mkt, country)

92.3 KCCV Olathe, KS (KCMO mkt, Xistian)

88.9 KRNW Chilliothes, MO

99.7 KMAC Gainesville, MO (new stn on AR border)

In checking the dials seriously for the first time in 4 years, one notices the effects of FCC Docket 80-90 which not only created hundreds of new channel allotments but in conjunction with Docket 84-231 in 1984 which relaxed spacing rules, leading the way to intermediate station classes (C2, C3, B1, etc.) opened up hundreds of on and offchannel upgrades and additional petitioner-backed channel allotments often in "rim shot" situations or cities-of-convenience within major metro areas. Springfield, Missouri is probably the most plagued market in the country with these new channels, move-ins, upgrades, etc., some of them with severe coverage flaws. KGVX 105.9 was

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SOUTHERN FM DX Germond, cont.

plagued with shadowing problems from its former site near Pleasant Hill, licensed to Bolivar,
MO. When the FCC allowed in certain cases for new cities-of-license to be designated, KGBX
successfully petitioned for relicensing to Nixa, MO, another hamlet within the Springfield
metro and recently moved to a new, closer-in tower near Strafford, MO which pushes their 70
dBu (3.16 mV/m) contour over all of metro Springfield.

We DX with an elderly "supertuner" though we have others such as Mac's MR-71 (1963). We are in the market to purchase an MR-78 and 80 if on is for sale.

Matt Sittel, 603 Fulton Rd., Apt. B-24, Tallahassee FL Equipment: Yamaha TX-900U tuner, Archer rabbit ears. 0750 WWAV 102.1 FL Santa Rosa Beach 0829 KQID 93.1 LA Alexandria 4/12 tr 0835 WKTF 95.5 MS Jackson, Catfish 389 0836 WKXN 95.9 AL Greenville, calls 1718 KCIL 107.5 LA Houma 1734 KLEB 94.3 LA Galliano, 94 Country 381 0838 WJDX 96.3 MS Jackson, Mix 96.3 1740 WLMG 101.9 LA New Orleans, Magic102 349 0843 WUSD 97.9 MS Wiggins, US98 0847 WIIN 98.7 MS Vicksburg, 98 Jamz,s 2159 $\underline{\text{KGTR}}$ 106.7 LA Port Sulphur, Gator 2209 $\overline{\text{WGNI}}$ 102.7 NC Wilmington, 103 GNI 330 410 0852 WNSL 100.3 MS Laurel, SL100 453 2232 WBBQ 104.3 GA Augusta, calls 249 0857 WZBQ 102.5 AL Jasper, Cool 102.5,o 290 0859 WMPN 91.3 MS Jackson, ID, PRM 7702 WLOW 106.9 SC Bluffton, mono talk 0710 WULS 103.7 GA Broxton, 103.7 FM WLS 0713 WEZL 103.5 SC Charleston 236 0904 WOKK 97.1 MS Meridian, 970KK 290 0905 KAJN 102.9 LA Crowley, calls, g 0924 WHJT 93.5 MS Clinton, Alive 93.5 110 481 302 0926 WBBN 95.9 MS Taylorsville, B95 0759 WFCH 88.5 SC Charleston, ID 302 0759 WSCI 89.3 SC Charleston, ID 302 0930 WFFF 96.7 MS Columbia, Mix 96, o 338 0938 WDXX 100.1 AL Selma, local mention 0944 WZZK 104.7 AL Birmingham, calls 0945 WKXI 107.5 MS Magee, Kicksie 107 0002 WSRZ 106.3 FL Sarasota, Oldies 106 242 256 4/19 tr 0737 WIJY 107.9 SC Hilton Head Island 0959 W207AU 89.3 MS Hattiesburg, WMAH 300 0741 WBUB 107.5 SC St. George 287 219 0752 WJCL 96.5 GA Savannah, Kix 965 Not too much DX to speak of lately. 0757 WZAT 102.1 GA Savannah 219 I hope that changes with the upcoming skip 302 0759 WSCI 89.3 SC Charleston, ID season! Log total is up to 766. 73s Matt. 0/59 WSC1 93.5 C Charleston, 19 325 Season Willing SC to N. Myrtle Beach SC. 1316 KLOL 101.1 MN Luverne, area ads 1357 WCOW 97.1 WI Sparta, local ad 1320 KKCK 99.7 NN Marshall, calls 1326 KCZEt 95.1 IA New Hampton 1358 KARP 96.1 MN Glencoe, ID 1359 KNOW 91.1 MN Minneapolis, ID 'highway 202 south in Charles City' 1419 WJMC 96.3 WI Rice Lake, local mention 1332 KBRK 93.7 SD Brookings, B93.7 1422 WIFC 95.5 WI Wausau, calls, The HotFM 1426 WYTE 96.7 WI Stevens Point, calls 1350 WBOB 100.3 MN Minneapolis, Bob 100 1352 KSTP 94.5 MN Minneapolis, KS95 ...what a pleasant early season surprise!!

So goes Oklahoma City, so goes Tulsa in FM broadcasting in Oklahoma...OKC country stations KEBC(Keep Every Body Country) 94.7 and KXXY 96.1 became owned by the same broadcasting company last year. Now in Tulsa the company owning KVOO 1170 AM and KVOO 98.5(both country) has bought country KCKI 99.5 Henryetta-Tulsa, a station that once served primarily Henryetta before moving to a higher tower closer to Tulsa. KVOO program director thinks country music is fragmenting into different styles appealing to different age groups. The young crowd just wants the latest in country music with no news while the older crowd doesn't mind some old country with the latest along with some news and information. But what else is going on just reflects taking advantage of FCC rules made more liberal in late 1992. Now a company can own a maximum of 36 stations from 24 and two FM stations from one. I didn't clean up on it but companies like Clear Channel Communications saw their stock more than doubled a year after FCC changes. (DB)



NORTHERN FM-DX

GREG CONIGLIO 5100 GLENWOOD DRIVE WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221 e-mail: conialio@acsu.buffalo.edu

For DXers in: MA,NH,VT,CT,MA,RI,NY,PA,NJ,OH,MI,IN,IL,WI,MN,IA,NE,SD,ND,MT,WY,ID, WA,OR,AK,Canada LOG CUTOFF: 3 months from postmark **IUNE 1994** DEADLINE: The 5th

I thought that there would be no June NFM-DX column due to lack of contributions. Then April 30th came along. Most DXers are calling this the best April skip opening they have ever seen, and the statistics seem to be back them up. Prior to this the most FM logging to the VUD in one day in April was 50 (4/27/87). This opening should go well past that mark easily. There has been some sporadic TV activity since then, but nothing major. Let us know if you had anything that day, or during any other opening too!....

dBRUCE HALL - 5 STIRTON AVE. - BRANTFORD, ONTARIO CANADA N3T 1E2

Equipment: JVC JR-S201 receiver (IF mod with 3 110 khz filters), Magnum Dynalab Sleuth 205 amp, Probe 9 fed with RG6 at 50 feet AGL, Crown Rotor, Distances are in kilometres.

APRIL 1994 DX

9 GW

0710 {WZJM} 92.3 OH Cleveland Hts., "WZJM, the frequency is 92.3, the slogan is Jammin 92" 208

0837 WQTL 106.3 OH Ottawa, "Mornings with the Big Kahuna, every weekday from 6 to 10 right here on Classic Hits 106" 389 0857 WYSZ 89.3 OH Maumee, ID with Toledo

"Toledo Christian Hit Radio", g 313

13 TrS

0629 WZWA 90.1 WV Clarksburg, legal, g 426 16 TrS

0630 WNFR 90.7 MI Sandusky, g, "WNFA 88.3

Pt.Huron, WNFR 90.7 Sandusky" 300

0700 WBGL 91.7 IL Champaign, calls, g, and weather in Chicago mentioned **19 TrS**

0640 WNYC 93.9 NY New York, NPR, "That's Tuesday on NY beat AM, 820 WNYC news and talk around the clock." 700th FM logged in Brantford sinceApril 1990! (Congrats, Bruce!-gc) 583

748

0712 WKXW 101.5 NJ Trenton, "Our only radio station, not New York, not Philadelphia, glad to be New Jersey 101.5", Temptations music

Convention 1994? Convention Announcement? Did I miss it? Not in VUD yet? Hope to see somebody, someplace, someday, sometime. How did this happen?

HARRY J. HAYES - 9 HENRY STREET - WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18702 Equipment: GE Superradio w/110 khz filter, Radio Shack amp. at set, Jerrold 9 element FM yagi in attic.

APRIL 1994 DX

8 GW

2040 WWBV 106.1 PA Beaver Springs, "V-rock' with fair signal 75

9 GW

1821 WUNS 96.3 PA Lewisburg, // to WWBV but with terrible signal 70



April 30 Es

1238 KYKZ 96.1 LA Lake Charles, Kix 96. IDs, promoting "Contraband Day"

96.3 TX Forth Worth, up briefly through WJDX with ID

1243 WJDX 96.3 MS Jackson, see-sawing w/KSCS

1300 KVLL 94.7 TX Woodville, "Station that's being turned on in East Texas"

1305 KWKH 94.5 LA Shreveport, in loud with c/w music for most of the opening

1308 KAFX 95.5 TX Diboll, rr mx, "K-Fox"

1338 KKTX 96.1 TX Kilgore, sat. classic rock

1347 KTCS 99.9 AR Fort Smith

1354 KZHE 100.5 AR Stamps, c/w, IDs

1410 KYKZ 105.7 TX Longview, very strong over WMRV Endicott

1420 KPXI 100.7 TX Mt.Pleasant, K-101, IDs

This is a season of a couple firsts. First: FMEs were never observed here in April before. Second: a season opene was never before a 107.9+, 2 1/2 hour skip opening. I was totally unprepared for this one as I tore the house apart looking for the tape recorder, log books, pencils, etc. I sort of suspected the season would be an early opener for a number of reasons. Some being Todd Emslie's success w/skip in Australia from last month's VUD. The good winter season I had and the fact that we are moving into sunset quiet. Best Regards.

DAVID J. NIEMAN -- HO STA GEH ROAD -- ROCK CITY NEW YORK

Equipment: Carver TX-11 tuner IF filter modified, Channel Master model 4408 (Stereo Probe 9) at 25 feet AGL. Winegard FT-7600 variable FM trap for 95.7mHz, Belden RG-6 coax and Radio Shack rotor. New loggings are underlined, new call {KKKK}, new propagation mode <u>WWW</u>W.

APRIL 1994	ATTOM	L 30 E-skip continued	
2 tropo	1325	KSMB 94.5 LA Lafayette,	
1100 WCMU 89.5 MI Mount Pleasant		call, rs\$	1108
ID, j\$ 33	36 1336	KOXY 94.1 TX Beaumont, contes	t
23 troposcatter		promo, rs\$	1190
1241 WVSR 102.7 WV Charleston,	1338	WYCT 94.1 LA Kentwood, call+	
call, \$ 30	03	"Young Country", k\$	1023
24 tropo	1351	WJSU 88.5 MS Jackson, call, j\$	929
1005 WVNP 89.9 WV Wheeling, "WV	1353	WRKF 89.3 LA Baton Rouge,	
Public Radio", into NPR 16	65	fund raising, \$	1055
30 tropo & E-skip	1356	WPRL 91.7 MS Lorman, call, s\$	986
0841 WQXA 105.7 PA York, "Q-106", r\$ 10	67 1359	WQST 92.5 MS Forest, ID,	
0942 WOKN 99.5 NY Southport, "OK-100"		American Family Radio, g\$	896
k\$, over WDCX Buffalo NY	36 1415	KEZP 104.3 LA Bunkie, area ads	,
1203 WMBV 91.9 AL Dixons Mills, call, g\$		o\$	1075
fund raising 8	51 2247	WUWF 88.1 FL Pensacola, call, j	\$ 930
1259 WTGE 100.7 LA Baton Rouge, "100.7	2259	WPCS 89.5 FL Pensacola, ID, g\$	935
The Tiger", r\$ 10	69 2324	WOGY 94.1 TN Germantown,	
1320 WTYX 94.7 MS Jackson, "Oldies-94"		"Froggy-94", k\$	777
+lcl ads, o\$ 9:	33 2341	WJMI 99.7 MS Jackson, "99-Jan	15"
		+call, s\$	933

I was checking TV channel 6 because of some morning trops when I noticed a station peating zero with and programming parallel to WJAC Johnstown PA. I checked my FCCTV database for any possibilities within tropo range but seen none. Then I remembered hearing a station earlier on 104.9 with Spanish programming that I couldn't fugure-out. That may have been Rosenberg, Texas I was

hearing. This was the strongest skip I ever remember having in April. Dave

DAVID J. NIEMAN -- 12284 NICE ROAD -- AKRON NEW YORK 14001-9529

Equipment: Carver TX-11a tuner IF filter modified, Channel Master model 4408 (Stereo Probe 9) at 33 feet AGL on a crank up tower. Alliance HD-73 rotor and Jerrold CAC-11 coax.

New loggings are <u>underlined</u>, new call {KKKK}, new propagation mode <u>WWW</u>W.

APRIL 1994

6 troposcatter
1155 WMUS 106.9 MI Muskegon, call+
lci ads & "107 MUS". k\$ 381

SE-93

I thought hearing western Michigan on scatter would be a good sign of some future tropo but nothing developed from it. Δave

1301 KKTX 1305 KDOK

BILL NIENAJADLY - KF2OK - P.O. BOX 2999 - CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

96.1 TX Kilgore, Longview ments.

92.1 TX Tyler, new calls? (yes-gc)

Equipment: Fisher FM660 modifies, Shack FM antenna and rotor.										
APRI	L 30 E-si	kip!! MUF	107	.9!! A Blockbuster!		April 3	30 Es con	<u>t.</u>		
1140	KROK	92.1	LA	DeRidder, "92 Rock"		1313	<u>KMOO</u>	96.7	TX	Mineola, continouts ments.
1142	KSBJ	89.3	TX	Humble/Houston, calls,	ID		of Mineo	la and si	urrou	nding areas in the news
1145	KYKR	95.1	TX	Beaumont, K-95 + calls	, ID	1328	<u>KDQN</u>	92.7	AR	DeQueen, ID
	(new ca					1329	KGAP	92.7	AR	Gordon, "Kicks Country"
1150	KUEZ	99.3	TX	Luftkin, a mention of	1		mentions	of Arka	delph	nia
		vn Nacod	logod	ches		1343	<u>KLLI</u>	95.9	TX	Hooks, "Thunder 95.9", ads
1215	WHMA	100.5	AL	Anniston, Alabama 100,	, ID	1347	KOLL	94.9	AR	Maumelle, oldies, "Cool 95"
1216	WDXX	100.1	AL	Selma, Dixie 100, calls	ID :		slogan a	lmost so	unde	d like "Q95"
1230	KMGC	106.1	LA	Monroe, "W. Monroe" as	nd	1350	KZYP	99.3	AR	Pine Bluff, local ments.
are	a ments.	, country,	(Bill	they have new calls now	, but	1353	WCDZ	95.1	TN	Dresden, "CD Country" and
	I can't re	ecall them	offh	and-gc)			mentione	ed of Dre	sden	, Paris (Bill, note the
1233	KDBH	97.7	LA	Natchitoches, "65 in			new call	letters-g	c)	
	downtov	vn Natchi	toche	es"		1358	<u>KVRE</u>	92.9	AR	Hot Springs, ID, nostalgia mx
1235	K???	100.1	LA	Bastrop, "Hot 100", urba	an,	1402	KKYR	102.5	TX	Texarkana, ID
110	9 Hudsor					1409	KWCK	99.9	AR	Searcy, Quick 99.9 country
	of 318-3	88-0569	giver	n		1417	KBOK	93.3	AR	Malvern, ID
1244	KITT	93.7	LA	Shreveport, area ments.		1422	KQUS	97.5	AR	Hot Springs, local ments.
1255	KWKH	94.5	LA	Shreveport, many IDs b	v	1426	KHLT	94.1	AR	Little Rock, K-Lite, ads
	country	artists, ID)		1	1435	KEZQ	102.9	AR	Sheridan, ID
1257	KVKI	96.5	LA	Shreveport						
1300	KVMA	107.9	AR	Magnolia, ID, STRONG						
	5 lights	at 107.9!!	!!!							10/2011
1300	KALK	97.7	TX	Winfield, ID					7	7/2011
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Thanks to Leo Gluk for tips on opening and thanks to Joe Fela for help with call letters. Wow, 31 stations, 19 of them brand new, and Memorial Day isn't here yet! This opening was a surprise and will go down in the record books. Interesting to note that in the evening, 10 meters was open to close in states like Ohio! - and I worked 20 stations in IN, IL, KY, MI, OH, SC, NC, & others. Again...WOW! GoodXing - Bill! KF20K P.S. KHLT 94.1 was splashing 94.3 real bad - amazing!

GREG CONIGLIO - 5100 GLENWOOD DRIVE - WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221

Equipment: Pioneer TX-9100 tuner modified with 150khz and 180 khz filters, CM Stereo Probe 9 FM antenna = 20'AGL, CAC11 & RG6 coax. Phasing: Jerrold 10 element TV antenna at ≈ 25' AGL, rotatable, into "two capacitors in a phase box", and switchable rabbit ears both into a 0-10-20 db Radio Shack amp.

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2000	WNFR	90.7	MI S	Sandusky, new to air, leg	al
	ID with V	/NFA 88.3	Por	t Huron	211
APRII	_ 30, 1994	E-skip!			
1144	KTFA	92.5	TX	Groves, ads, "The Light	92.5"
	wiped ou	it local CIS	SS T	oronto	1226
1146	{KLTN}	93.3.	TX	Pt. Arthur, ex: KYKR	1229
Mot	ile DX in	Cheektow	aga,	NY	
	KYKR			Beaumont, local ads	1229
				Houston, ads	1312
				LaPlace, op\$, legal ID	1119
1204	WKSJ	94.9	AL	Mobile, k\$, 95-KSJ,	
	over loca	I CKGE C	shav	wa even in car	988
1206	<u>WJDB</u>	95.5	AL	Thomasville, calls,	
		eviously o			911
	WABB			Mobile, top 40, calls	987
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1				73,649	1

	2248	<u>WMKS</u>	92.3	GA	Milan, Kissin, country	754
	2251	KXKC	99.1	LA	New Iberia, k\$ requests	1140
•	2258	WRBA	95.9	FL	Springfield, Bay 96	962
1	2307	WPAP	92.5	FL	Panama City, k\$ o/CISS	942
	2315	WTVY	95.5	AL	Dothan, ads	897
	2320	WKCN	99.3	GA	Lumpkin, Kissin Country	825
)	2323	WMSU	92.1	MS	Starkeville, The Blitz,	
,		Starkevil	le's Clas	ssic F	Rock, ads	854
	2328	WJNS	92.1	MS	Yazoo City, Central Miss.	
,		Gospel C	Connecti	ion		944
	2332	WNOE	101.1	LA	New Orleans, k\$ way	1092
,		over oca	CKEY	Fort	Erie	
,	2335	WLMG	101.9	LA	New Orleans, rm\$	1098
)	2336	KLRZ	100.3	LA	Laroe, hard rock, Z-100	
ı	2339	<u>WZRH</u>	106.1	MS	Picayune, Zephyr, modern	n
1		rock for t	New Orle	eans	, Sat. nite dance mix	1061
ı	2340	WGCM	102.3	MS	Gulfport, Coast 102	1042
ı	2342	WKNN	99.1	MS	Pascagoula, K99FM	1024

105.1 LA Abbeville, jingle

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EASTERN TV-DX

Stephen West 26 Dougherty Blvd. G-8 Glen Mills, PA 19342

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June 1994

Deadline: 5th

Tropo has been rather poor so far this spring. The big news is the April 30th Es opening, which reached past the top of the FM band. In fact there were probably two openings via the E layer, one in the early afternoon and another late in the evening. Keep checking those low bands, skip can crop up in a moments notice!

Harry J. Hayes, 9 Henry Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Equipment: RCA 1971 Color TV, switchable quad loop for Chs. 2 and 5 with a Radio Shack amp at the TV set.

April 1994 30 Es 1240 KBTX-3 TX 1415 WREG-3 TN 2200 KARK-4 AR 2245 WLBT-3 MS

2258 WMAB-2 MS

April 1994 Es 2300 KALB-5 LA Note #1 2323 KTBS-3 LA

8W CIX May Es 1430 UNID-2 NBC

Note #1 - Election results. The MUF at 1400 was 107.9+! An April first! (No fooling? sw)

Jeff Wolf, 1131 University Blvd. W., Apt. 701, Silver Spring, MD 20902

18 GW 1827 W64BW (Telemundo in DC) April 1994 9 tr 0818 WRDC-28 NC (w/z cci) 27 tr 2303 WNSC-30 SC 2313 W42AC Front Royal, VA with WVPT-51 programs

April 1994 tr 2322 WLVT-39 PA 2332 WRMY-47 NC 28 tr 0013 WAAP-16 NC (251) 30 Es 1259 KOET-3 OK 1327 KJRH-2 1405 M.U.F. to 98.5! WTVJ4 1530 Es fade out WPTVS

2309 KTVI-2 MO

Dave Nieman -- Ho S ta Geh Road -- Rock City New York

Equipment: RCA SelectaVision VCRs tuner with a 13" RCA b/w Tv as monitor, Channel Master VHF antenna model 3617B at 15 feet AGL on a Radio Shack rotor, Belden RG-6 coax feed into a Winegard FT-7600 FM trap set to 95.7mHz and Winegard DA-205 distribution amp. Antennacraft UHF antenna model P-7 (7' dish) into a DX Tele Labs EU-4S preamp at 25 feet AGL on an Alliance U-100 rotor and Jerrold CAC-11 coax feed. New loggings are underlined, new call {KKKK}.

April 1994 April 30 E-skip continued 11 Tr 0600 WXTV -41 (NJ) 247 30 Es 1300 -5 LA 1083 0900 WGPT -36 MD 185 2302 WKRG ~5 AL 938 30 F.s 1259 WDSU -6 LA 1049 2336 -3 LA 1131 **KATC**

I hope this is the beginning of the summer skip season, if it is; it looks like a good one. Dave

WESTERN TV-DX

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(612) 735-6860

 June 1994
 Deadline: 07-07-94

 Cut-off: 04-01-94

The E skip season is underway! In April, E skip was reported in North America on the following dates: 1, 7, 9, 26, 30 and in Australia on the 4th. Bill Draeb also reported E skip on May 2nd and 3rd.

In another major expansion of Western TV-DX's coverage area, this month we welcome new reporter, Todd Emslie of Sydney, Australia. It's good to have you with us!

I encourage all to report your loggings. Please watch the deadlines and cut-off dates. Two days is not enough lead time to be certain your report will be received here by deadline. Regarding cut-offs, for any who are unaware; loggings preceding the cut-off date will not be printed in this column. Having said that, I must point out that this month I have made a one time cut-off exception to allow us the opportunity to read Todd's first report in its entirety.

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Fernando Garcia, Apartado 30, Suc. B, Cd. Guadalupe, N.L., 67181, Mexico (8) 360-5874 HCM

Location:

Hill at 1800' asl ne of Saddle Mountain (5900'), se of Monterrey metro area.

Equipment:

Sony 27EXR15, Channel Master 7' dish at 45', RG-6, UA-900 amp and rotor. Sony KV-13TR27, Archer V-185 at 40', RG-6, rotor. Archer V-110 vertical at 25'.

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March	1994					
4 tr	0015	KADN	15	LA	584	
		K21DM		LA	591	
	(Laf	ayette			VJN)	
	0030	KVHP	29	LA	528	
	0045	WVLA	33	LA	634	
	0545	KETK	56	TX	534	
		W36AC	t 3	6 M	S	
	(McC	omb			TBN)	
		LPB 18				
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		WTVX	34	FL	1227
		WMPV	21	AL	839
		KADN	15	LA	584
	2145	MS ed			
		LPB 1			
		K21DM	21	LA	591
	2200	WOFL WMFE	35	FL	1190
		WMFE	24	FL	1190
		\$WIXL	21	FL	1029
		WKCF	18	FL	1190
		W55AM			
	(Big	Pine			
		W60AK	60	FL	1182
	(Big	Pine	١	NPL G	i- 10)
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	2215	=Cuba	11		1030
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		K56DR			
	(Bato	on Rouge	9		TBN)
	2245	W65BG	t 6	5 FL	
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		\$WLPB	27	LA	637
		unid			
		(LA/M			
		K46CR	46	LA	645
	(Bato	n Rouge	9		VJN)
	2300	WPMI	15	AL	836
		WSFP	30	FL	1144
	2315	WSFP KVHP W36AC	29	LA	528
		W36AC	36	MS	709

4	tr	2315	K39BJ	39	LA	618
		(Mor	gan Cit	y 1	wx ·	info)
		2330	K62DW	62	LA	591
		(Lafa	ayette			PTV)
			WPAN	53	FL	870
			\$WBBH	20	FL	1144
			WCLF	22-	FL	1085
			WBHS	50	FL	1116
		2345	KLAX	31	LA	618
5	tr	0000	\$WGMB	44	LA	631
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		(Bato	on Rouge	9	ı.	_PTV)
		0315	WHBR	33	FL	836
			WBSF	43	FL	1200
		0330	WFTS			
		0400	WIRB	56	FL	1211
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						1200
			WTGL			
			WXXV	25	MS	761
			WLOX			758
		0545	@WPBF			1227
			@WAPT		MS	
		0615	₩58B0	58	MS	
		(Nato				TBN)
			KFXK			556
			KETK			534
		0630				
		0645		51	_	1122
		0700	WGBC	30	MS	830

0715 \$WHLT 22 MS

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Fernando Garcia (continued)	6 tr 0945 WGMB 44 LA 631	19 tr 0645 WLAE 32 LA 693
5 A. 0745 10100 0014 015	WHLT 22 MS 771	9KFWD 52 TX 522 0700 \$KVHP 29 LA 528 KLPB 24 LA 566
5 tr 0745 KMSS 33 LA 615	1015 K55EX 55 LA 686	0700 \$KVHP 29 LA 528
1745 WBHS 50 FL 1116	(New Orleans tourist)	
WTTA 38 FL 1116	(New Orleans tourist) 2145 \$WVLA 33 LA 634	0745 K21DM 21 LA 591
1815 \$WEVU 26 FL 1153 1830 WNPL 46 FL 1153	LPB 18,24 LA	KADN 15 LA 584
	2200 KADN 15 LA 584	W65CE 65 LA 615
1845 WACX 55 FL 1181 1900 WTMV 32 FL 1134	WDBD 40 MS 749	(Shreveport TBN)
WLAE 32 LA 693	New Orleans 693 26,32,38 MS ed 17,19 2215 WEIQ 42 AL 823	0845 \$WVLA 33 LA 634
1915 WVLA 33 LA 634	26,32,38 MS ed 17,19	0900 KFXK 51 TX 556
WOFL 35 FL 1190	2215 WEIQ 42 AL 823	- 0915 New Orleans 693
1930 KLPB 24 LA 566	WMPV 21 AL 839	26,32,38 0930 WMAU 17 MS 696
WBSF 43 FL 1200	2230 \$KVHP 29 LA 528	0945 \$WLPB 27 LA 637
1945 KADN 15 LA 584	7 tr 0200 = WGMB 44 LA 631	(Under KLDO)
WMAU 17 MS 696	@KLAX 31 LA 618	1000 \$WXXV 25 MS 761
WGMB 44 LA 631	0245 KETK 56 TX 534	1030 K62DW 62 LA 591
2015 WFSG 56 FL 929	0300 KALB 5 LA 600	1730 unid ch 49 TMD
KLAX 31 LA 618	KARD 14 LA 653	1900 KETK 56 TX 534
K21DM 21 LA 591	0545 @WGBC 30 MS 830	1915 \$KMSS 33 LA 615
2030 \$WSCV 51 FL 1240	WAPT 16 MS 749	1945 KLTS 24 LA 615
WBFS 33 FL 1227	WLPB 27 LA 637	2000 \$KVHP 29 LA 528
\$WUSF 16 FL 1116	0600 WTTO 21 AL 970	2045 DFW 21\$,27,33,39
WIRN 17 FL 1240	KAROR AR LA RAS	49,52,58 519
WDZL 39 FL 1243	0615 KMSS 33 LA 615	2100 WDBD 40 MS 749
2045 WYHS 69 FL 1240	KFXK 51 TX 556	KLAX 31 LA 618
\$WCTD 35 FL 1243	WBMG 42 AL 963	2200 KLDT 55 TX 544
\$WSFP 30 FL 1144	0630 WXXV 25 MS 761	KFXK 51 TX 556
2100 WFLX 29 FL 1237	0645 WIIQ 41 AL 873	20 tr 0000 XH- 34 NL 7
WFTX 36 FL 1140	\$K69FC 69 TX 251	(See Note # 7)
WHFT 45 FL 1243	(Uvalde KENS-5)	0115 KADN 15 LA 584
WXEL 42 FL 1237	(See Note # 6)	KASN 38 AR 774
WBBH 20 FL 1144	K61FM 61 TX 251	0130 \$KLRT 16 AR 783
unid ch 39 VJN	(Uvalde KABB-29)	0145 \$WVLA 33 LA 634
(Strong, again)	K65BE 65 TX 335	0515 KMPX 29 TX 559
K56DR 56 LA 633	(Kimble Cnty KSAT-12)	0530 WLOV 27 MS 873
2115 WMPV 21 AL 839	0700 K59EY 59 TX 251	0545 WAPT 16 MS 749
WTWC 40 FL 1029	0615 KMSS 33 LA 615 KFXK 51 TX 556 WBMG 42 AL 963 0630 WXXV 25 MS 761 0645 WIIQ 41 AL 873 \$K69FC 69 TX 251 (Uvalde KENS-5) (See Note # 6) K61FM 61 TX 251 (Uvalde KABB-29) K65BE 65 TX 335 (Kimble Cnty KSAT-12) 0700 K59EY 59 TX 251 (Uvalde KLRN-9) K55-5 ??	0600 WXVT 15 MS 796
WEIQ 42 AL 823	K55 55 ??	MS ed 17,18,19,
WFGX 35 FL 889	(Unknown NBC, KMOL-4?)	29\$
\$KVHP 29 LA 528	WMAW 14 MS 802	29\$ 0645 WMAO 23 MS 799 K21DM 21 LA 591
2130 WPAN 53 FL 870	0715 WDBD 40 MS 749	
WBCC 68 FL 1200	1100 KLPA 25 LA 615	LPB 18,24 LA
2143 WTVX 34 FL 1227	1945 DFW TX 519	LPB 18,24 LA 0700 \$KARD 14 LA 653 WLPB 27 LA 637 @WH-OA 32 AL 926 New Orleans 693 26,32e,38\$ 0715 \$KMSS 33 LA 615
2200 W60AK 60 FL 1182	21,33,39,58	WLPB 27 LA 637
W52 52 FL	2015 DFW TX 519	@WHOA 32 AL 926
(See Note # 5)	cci-27,49,52	New Orleans 693
WLTV 23 FL 1243	8 tr 0115 WVLA 33 LA 634	26,32@,38\$
(o/semiloc KVEO)	0545 @WMAU 17 MS 696	0715 \$KMSS 33 LA 615
2245 WSVN 7 FL 1243	KADN 15 LA 584	0730 WLMT 30 TN 895
XHTP 9 YN 780	LPB 18,24 LA	(Seen 0730-1300)
XHDH 11 YN 780	0615 KARD 14 LA 653	0745 KETK 56 TX 534
XHSTt 13 YN	11 tr 0700 WBHS 50 FL 1116	K62DW 62 LA 591
6 tr 0630 WMAH 19 MS 771	0715 WTTA 38 FL 1116	0800 KLTS 24 LA 615
WMPV 21 AL 839	WTMV 32 FL 1134	0815 unid 13 Spanish
WGNO 26 LA 693	18 tr 2000 KADN 15 LA 584	(See Note # 8)
\$WVLA 33 LA 634	2030 LPB 18,24 LA	unid 8 Spanish
K46CR 46 LA 645	WVLA 33 LA 634 KVHP 29 LA 528	(See Note # 9)
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0700 LPB 18,24,27	2045 New Orleans 693	WGBC 30 MS 830
WHBR 33 FL 836	20,38	0930 WBMG 42 AL 963 1015 WMAW 14 MS 802
0715 WLAE 32 LA 693 \$WNOL 38 LA 693	19 tr 0315 K56DR 56 LA 633 0330 unid ch 43 TBN	
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	• \$KETK 56 TX 534	
0745 WPMI 15 AL 836 K59DG 59 LA 688	0630 KLDT 55 TX 544	1230 KLPA 25 LA 615
WMAU 17 MS 696	KLAX 31 LA 618	1645 \$WVLA 33 LA 634
0930 WVUE 8 LA 693	WMAH 19 MS 771	1043 \$111LA 33 LA 034
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Fernando Garcia (continued)	21 tr 0345 W29BH 29 MS 757 (Biloxi TBN)	24 tr 1930 KDTX 58 TX 519 25 tr 0550-0720 s LA 500
20 tr 1645 KADN 15 LA 584	K62DW 62 LA 591	15,18,24,26,32,
WCIQ 7 AL 1019	0400 WTGS 28 SC 1221	33,38
1700 KPLC 7 LA 547	0415@\$WMGT 41 GA 1116	0725 had to leave
1730 WXVT 15 MS 796	0445 WFXL 31 GA 1066	1945 DFW 21,33,58 519
\$WMPN 29 MS 743	@\$WGNX 46 GA 1103	2215 s LA 24,26,32,
1745 WAPT 16 MS 749	0500 GPTV GA	33,38
1800 WMAW 14 MS 802	20\$,28,29	26 tr 0630 KADN 15 LA 584
KVHP 29 LA 528	@WHOA 32 AL 926	0645 \$KVHP 29 LA 528
K21DM 21 LA 591	0515 WGMB 44 LA 631	WDBD 40 MS 749
WMAU 17 MS 696	WAFB 9 LA 637	0700 KARDt 14 LA
1845 WMAV 18 MS 867	0530 WXGA 8 GA 1112	\$WVLA 33 LA 634
unid ch 23 ABC	WAKA 8 AL 926	\$WMPN 29 MS 742
WZDX 54 AL 1025	WSFA 12 AL 954	0730 WMAW 14 MS 801
1900 KARD 14 LA 653	0545 WABW 14 GA 1047	KLPB 24 LA 565
WMAO 23 MS 799	WHLT 22 MS 771	1300 New Orleans 26,
WFIQ 36 AL 963	0600 WAGT 26 GA 1224	32,38
New Orleans 693	WOOV 20 AL 954	1400 K21DM 21 LA 591
26,32,38\$	0615 \$WVLA 33 LA 634	1845 WMAH 19 MS 770
1915 WAFF 48 AL 1029	0630 MS ed 17,19	1900 WVLA 33 LA 634
1.930 WAAY 31 AL 1029	0715 New Orleans 693	(In all day)
2015 KLPB 24 LA 566	26,32,38	1930 KETK 56 TX 534
2115 KETK 56 TX 534	0915 WDBD 40 MS 749	2030 KADN 15 LA 584
WDBD 40 MS 749	0930 \$KVHP 29 LA 528	27 tr 0015 LPB 18,24,27
WMAH 19 MS 771	1045 LPB 18,24 LA	WWSB 40 FL 1106
2130 KMSS 33 LA 615	KADN 15 LA 584	0030 \$WTMV 32 FL 1134
WLPB 27 LA 637	22 tr 0545 \$WVLA 33 LA 634	WBHS 50 FL 1115
WAPT 16 MS 749	WLPB 27 LA 637	0045 \$WFLX 29 FL 1236
2145 WBMG 42 AL 963	%KVHP 29 LA 528	WBBH 20 FL 1143
WIIQ 41 AL 873	0615 KLPB 24 LA 566	WFTX 36 FL 1140
2200 KLTL 18 LA 547	23 tr 0555 WVLA 33 LA 634	WNPL 46 FL 1152
2230 WXXV 25 MS 761	Nw Orleans 26,38	0100 WTTA 38 FL 1115
2330 WMCF 45 AL 966	0645 DFW 21,33,58 519	\$WTVT 13 FL 1115
K59DG 59 LA 688	2145 KFWD 52 TX 522	(SAP - NOAA wx)
WNTZ 48 MS 671	KLDT 55 TX 544	\$WFLA 8 FL 1115
2345 WABM 68 AL 966	2200 DFW TX 519	(SAP - weather)
21 tr 0000 @WLTZ 38 GA 1035	21,33,39,49,58	0115 WTOG 44 FL 1115
WXTX 54 GA 1035	24 tr 0330 KMPX 29 TX 559	(o/semiloc KLUJ)
WTJP 60-AL 998	KDFI 27 TX 519	WFTS 28 FL 1115
0015 KLAX 31 LA 618	0345 KETK 56 TX 534	(Local off)
WMPV 21 AL 839	0550 %KFXK 51 TX 556	W61BL 61 FL 1104
WAIQ 26 AL 960	0600 KLTL 18 LA 547	(Tampa UNI)
0330 \$WTBS 17 GA 1100	KVHP 29 LA 528	W57BA 57 FL 1104
K46CR 46 LA 645	KPLC 7 LA 547	(Tampa TMD)
@\$WATL 36 GA 1103	0615 WPMI 15 AL 836	WCLF 22 FL 1084
WVEU 69 GA 1103	WHBR 33 FL 836	0130 W68CF 68 FL 1098
WLTXt 19 SC	WVLA 33 LA 634	(Tampa TBN)
0345 WHSG 63 GA 1119	WMPV 21 AL 839	W60BK 60 FL 1092
@WTLK 14 GA 1103	0630 WPAN 53 FL 870	(Dunedin TBN)
@\$WPBA 30 GA 1103	Nw Orleans 26,38	W63BS 63 FL 1084
K56DR 56 LA 633	0645 WLAE 32 LA 693	(St. Ptrsburg WTMV-32)
@WGXA 24 GA 1116	WFGX 35 FL 889	0145 WACX 55 FL 1180
K39BJ 39 LA 618	@WEIQ 42 AL 823	0200 WIRB 56 FL 1211
	0700 KMSS 33 LA 615	WTGLt 52 FL
	3700 14100 00 DK 015	WIGEL SZ I'L

Note # 1 - slightly north of Miami, carrying The 700 Club.

Note # 2 - multiple WPLG-10 IDs. This was logged thanks to that semi-local KMBH-60 was out for two days. unid channel 52 with WFLX-29 again.

Note # 3 - only audio, "Amigos, Tele Rebelde finaliza sus transmisiones" (friends,

Tele Rebelde close down its broadcasts). I decide to count this as new one. According to WRTVH-93 there is a channel 11 with Tele Rebelde network in Pinar del Rio (west of the island) with 32 KW.

Note # 4 - Tallahassee heading. Religious programming. Is this station back on air?

Note # 5 - Advertisements for Cocoa.

Note # 6 - This opening to the west of San Antonio, north northwest of my location, was noted with the antenna pointing northeast. I quickly turned the dish, getting as strong signals as local TVs.

Fernando Garcia (continued)

Note # 7 - New station on the air for Monterrey, programming 24 hours CVC (Calidad, Valor y Conveniencia), first day on the air. I think this will be the easiest Monterrey catch via tropo for Gulf DXers. CVC is a home shopping programming

Note # 8 - Russian cartoons dubbed to Spanish. Cuba?

Note # 9 - Mexico City program "Busca Auto" (like home shopping, for used cars).

Without doubt the best March tropo opening was the 4/5 with signals from the Florida Keys UHF translators (90% of the path is water) and from channel 11 Tele Rebelde in Cuba.

News: Semi-local station KNVO-48, TeleMundo, is now broadcasting in stereo (\$).

KLRU-18 is carrying BBC World Service on its SAP signal. Local XET-6 and semi-local XHAB-7 are now 24 hours, carrying CVC during the night.

Jeff Kadet, Box 20, Macomb IL 61455 (W3CRH) (309-833-1809)

CST

Equipment:

ICOM R7000 with video adapter; Zenith L1310, N1310, Y1310 13" color sets; five 9" to 12" black & white Zeniths for E skip (all sets circa 1979-1982). Screened Channel Master 7' dish with UA-900 preamplifier, .500 aluminum hardline up 85'. Channel Master 1110 with PA-1975 preamplifier, .500 aluminum hardline up 80'. Winegard 5 element low-band yagi (vertically polarized) w/CP 3700 preamplifier, RG-11, up 10'. Finco 5 element 6 meter yagi (vertically polarized) with Belden 9913 up 25' (for channel 2).

February 1994

16 tr 0017 unid ch 35 east (shop OKHz-WWTO)

I went down to Columbia, Missouri for a few days. The channel 2 with Channel America is definitely on the air; although, even in the center of town, the signal is equivalent to grade B. E skip should do a real number on this one! The channel 11 was on the air, but with just an ID slide the whole three days I was there.

[Jeff also added KSBI-52 and K69GO, Tulsa Channel America, to his log on January 23, 1994. fm]

Keith Smith, 3924 Sims Ave, St. Ann MO 63074-1926 (314-429-0751)

CST/CDT

March 1994		16 tr 2045	WPSD 6 KY 158	22 tr 0109	WAND 17 IL 113
4 tr 0343	<u>WTWO</u> 2 IN <u>170</u>	2056	WILL 12 IL 157	0112	WPSD 6 KY 158
	(See Note # 1)		(See Note # 3)	0116	KOLR 10 MO 175
0359	unid channel 10			0122	WSIL 3 IL 128
	(See Note # 2)	April 1994			(See Note # 6)
11 tr 1031	KBSI 23 MO 116	22 tr 0030	WILL 12 IL 157	23 tr 2255	KBSI 23 MO 116
14 tr 0347	WPSD 6 KY 158		(See Note # 4)	2305	WAND 17 IL 113
16 tr 2036	WCIA 3 IL 156	0046	WTJR 16 IL 105		
2037	WSIL 3 IL 128		(See Note # 5)		

Note # 1 - Carrying "Nightside". Local KTVI-2 was off. An amazing catch - since KTVI-2 is on almost all the time! Some unid with a test pattern was trying to squeeze through WTWO's signal.

Note # 2 - Sidestepping WGEM with a test pattern. Suspect WTHI.

Note # 3 - Kind of hard to tell - KETC-9's schedule was completely different from the PBS schedule listed in ONSAT. Seems that most PBS affiliates "do their own thing" during the "pledge month" of March!

Note # 4 - Carrying an old movie (1930s-40s, I think). Following this, the ID with some info on the next show... but then DEAD AIR for about 3-4 minutes! Must have been asleep at the switch...zzz. Grade B intensity for "a long time" on this one!

[Keith pointed out that in the January 1994 Western TV-DX his reference to WSIU-8 was incorrectly shown as WSIL-8. Keith added KWWL-7 to his log on January 24, 1994. fm]

Keith Smith (continued)

Note # 5 - WTJR apparently can't decide whether they're TBN or not. At this time, they were showing an address in Champaign (must be a regional show). Wonder if they're interconnected with WFHL-23, Decatur! (WGEM-10 and KHQA-7 were both grade A intensity here also.) I'm still looking for WQEC-27! I once saw WSEC-14 - once - with a test pattern.

Note # 6 - zzz...

Doug Allen, P.O. Box 5646, Woodland Park CO 80866 (W2CRS) (719-687-3549)

MDT

Equipment:

Icom R-7000, 1981 Magnavox b&w TV, Antennacraft ch 3 5 element yagi and 10G205C preamplifier at 25' and Channel Master 7' dish and BT CMA-Uc preamplifier at 28'.

Antennas down for winter. Put antennas back up on April 17.

April 1994 May 1994 3 tr 0415 K62- 62-?? 285° 3 tr 0410 <u>K61</u>— 61 ?? 285° unid 14+HBO nnw (Unknown KUSA- 9) 18 gw 1030 (See Note # 1) (Unknown KGWN- 5) (See Note # 4) 25 tr 0715 KHNE 29 NE 390 KPTM 42+NE 490 (See Note # 3) 0420 K03-- 3 ?? 0720 (Unknown CNH) (See Note # 5) (See Note # 2)

Note # 1 - The channel 14 conundrum continues! KGWC is minus offset and regular tropo scatter. KCIT is plus offset and occasional tropo scatter. Several unidentified translators of KGWC-14, KCNC-4, and KMGH-7 in the direction of Cheyenne and Laramie were recorded last year. Something with HBO (positive ID) was plus offset this morning and heard occasionally since, but not regularly. Could this be leakage from my local cable system whose lines are 100 yards away in the direction antenna was pointing?

Note # 2 - First tropo of the new season. Regular on tropos, KHNE, was strong and steady with good picture. KPTM was fair picture. Also worked two Omaha stations on 144 MHz. Video carrier noted from KBIN-32 and some eastern

Nebraska translators.

Note # 3 - At 0900 same morning, positive ID "You are watching KGWN channel 5". Regular weak ground wave with good audio on R7000.

Note # 4 - Regular good audio, poor picture in same direction as line of sight K62BU

(off air) on Badger Mountain to my west.

Note # 5 - CNN Headline News not parallel. Peaked south of west with good audio on R7000. Regulars KTVS, KSWS [? fm], and KREG were off air. Unable to hear when they are on. Will try to get ID.

Ernie J. Wesolowski, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543 (402-330-7758)

COT

Equipment:

KTV 13CNR-E 13" color, '84 RCA 26" color stereo receiver/monitor, '90 Signature 2000 19" receiver/monitor. Winegard UHF Model PR-9018, Winegard Chromstar Model AP-4800 preamplifier, Radio Shack antenna rotor. Antenna mounted in the attic (QTH on high terrain).

April 1994			18 tr 0930	-1000				18	tr	0930-	1000			
				KMEG	14	IA	91				KT-VG	17	NE	130
3 tr 0930-1000				KSMQ	15	MN	226				KSIN	27	IA	91
KMEG	14 IA	91		KTIN	21	IA	135				KHNE	29	NE	115
KTAJ	16 MO	127		KYIN	24	IA	217	25	tr	0930	K39	39	??	
KCPT	19 MO	166		KDSM	17	IA	127			(Unkn	own			TBN)

Channel 39 TBN mystery - 200°. Maybe Lincoln, Nebraska?

[I presume you are correct in your guess that channel 39 TBN is Lincoln (K39AJ is licensed to Malcolm with an application to change its city of license to Lincoln). You are the first to report KTVG being on the air. Doug Smith has advised me that it is a Fox affiliate. fm]

Jeff Kruszka, 7706-M N Jefferson Place Cir, Baton Rouge LA 70809 (504-923-0196) CST/CDT

1992 Zenith "Sentry 2" 13" color TV (Model #S1318S). UHF: RDX Labs UA-900 preamp, Channel Master 4228A 8-bay @30 ft. VHF: Rabbit ears + quad loops for chs. 3 and 5. Mitsubishi HS-U31 VCR.

	6 tr 0139 KHSX 49 TX 375	7 Es 1710 @Cuba 6
25 gw 0715 K21DQ 21 LA 5	0148 WOFL 35 FL 595	1803 Cuba 4
(Baton Rouge LPTV)	KRRT 35 TX 475	9 Es 2015 unid 3 wk brief
	0156 KDFI 27 TX 365	
March 1994	0203 KDTX 58 TX 365	From Metairie LA:
4 tr 2132 KEDT 16 TX 425	0230 KVTN 25 AR 270	13 gw 2145 unid 49
2158 KVDA 60 TX 445	0239 WBHS 50 FL 550	(See Note # 2)
2245 KXAN 36 TX 395	0300 WKCF 18 FL 575	tr 2222 WFSU 11 FL 334
2330 KBVO 42 TX 395	0306 =KTBC 7 TX 395	2257 W47BP 47 MS 110
2334 KRRT 35 TX 475	0320 KMPX 29 TX 365	(Hattiesburg WMAH-19)
2340 KLRU 18 TX 395	(See Note # 1)	2302 WMBB 13 FL 265
2352 KWEX 41 TX 445	0427 KSAT 12 TX 445	WFSG 56 FL 265
5 tr 0026 KVEO 23 TX 500	0523 KDFW 4 TX 365	,
0033 KLDO 27 TX 540	0555 KSLA 12 LA 220	Back in Baton Rouge:
0045 KORO 28 TX 425	0556 +KLRT 16 AR 305	16 gw 1910 unid 49
0049 K68DJ 68 TX 425	0606 @WMFE 24 FL 595	(See Note # 2)
(Corpus Christi TMD)	20 tr 0043 KHSX 49 TX 375	27 tr 2319 WMDN 24 MS 195
0053 KAVU 25 TX 370	0059 KDFI 27 TX 365	(See Note # 3)
0056 WBHS 50 FL 550		2347 KLDO 27 TX 540
2010 KLRU 18 TX 395	April 1994	28 tr 0002 KVEO 23 TX 500
KBVO 42 TX 395	4 tr 2254 WBBH 20 FL 620	.0702 W45AA 45 MS 93
2028 KEDT 16 TX 425	2259 WCJB 20 FL 525	(Columbia WMAH-19)
6 tr 0117 KORO 28 TX 425	2318 WFTX 36 FL 620	WOOV 20 AL 315
0135 KUVN 23 TX 365	7 Es 1700 +Cuba 5	
0136 KTXA 21 TX 395	1704 @Cuba 3	

Note # 1 - New station in Dallas, verified on trip there during Easter. Religious programming. At the time listed, they were running "Worship" program

with "TV29" supered continuously in lower right hand corner.

Note # 2 - Unid 49 in New Orleans, full power, testing with color bars.

possibly coming back on the air soon?

Note # 3 - New station (WTZH with new calls/owners?), [Yes. fm] Saw with color bars and message on screen: "This is a TV-24 equipment test. WMDN will be broadcasting CBS programming on Thursday." At midnight they began broadcasting CBS programming and running the new IDs.

Some nice tropo March 4-6 as high pressure set up over the Gulf. "WBTR" (local W19AW) has added yet another outlet on channel 21 - why, I don't know; they already mess up five other channels for me.

A nice two hour solid opening into Cuba on April 7. Thanks for the tip Matt! Not much tropo to speak of. Still waiting for an opening to Memphis or Atlanta to add to my log totals.

Eric Bueneman, 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood MO 63042-1347 (NOUIH) (314-839-9751) CDT Internet via DRKX13A@prodigy.com

Equipment:

Yorx 4.5" b&w TV/AM/FM/FM Stereo boombox, Archer VU-110 V/U/F antenna with Archerotor @ 33' agl.

April 1994				7 tr 2335	WSIU 8 IL 100	8 tr 0105	KMIZ	17 MO	105
4 tr 2000	KHQA	7 MO	90		(Now 24 hours)	9 tr 1800	WICS	20 IL	80
	KRCG	13 MO	100	8 tr 0043	KROG 13 MO 100		WAND	17 IL	110
7 tr 2330	WAND	17 IL	110	0055	KOMU 8 MO 105				

WSIU-8 was in at near-local strength with the antenna pointed toward southern Illinois, may become a regular now that I've got the Archerotor up and running. I put it up on April 3, and I am now able to get more DX than I did with the antenna pointed in a certain location. After only seeing skip into Florida and eastern Georgia last summer, it was high time I got one. Am I glad I did! 73 and good DX (hope there's a hex on the Blue Jays, hi!) from NOUIH.

William Draeb, 1304 Ellis St., Kewaunee WI 54216 (414-388-2350)

CDT

Equipment: See May 1994 Western TV-DX.

E skip got under way on schedule on April 30 despite the snowstorm that dumped about an inch on us. I hope it's a productive season. Tropo action has been practically nil.

April 1994		30 Es 2047 WCBDt 2 SC	2 tr 2030	W40AK 40 MI 110
7 tr 1718	WFTEt 58 IN	2054 WECTt 6 NC	(Musi	kegon LPTV)
	(cci on WDJT-58)		•	(Snow free)
23 tr 2005	WNIT 34 IN 208	May 1994		Lake shore LPTVs
30 Es 2047	WWAY 3 NC 885	2 Es 1216 KBTX '3 TX 1079	3 Es 1215	KDFW 4 TX 952
	WUNC 4 NC 785	("Mid-Day Mag.")		KXAS 5 TX 960
	WCIV 4 SC 900	KPRCt 2 TX		KDTN 2 TX 952
	WFMYt 2 NC	1225 KETSt 2 AR		unids channel 3

Frank Aden Jr., 4096 Marcia Place, Boise ID 83704 N7SOK

MST

Equipment:

TVs: 27" Magnavox Color Monitor, 19" RCA color, 13" BMC color monitor. VCRs: JC Penney VHS (I believe this to be made by RCA), Radio Shack #45 Hi-Fi MTS VHS, Hitachi Hi8 VM-39A Camcorder. Antennas: Radio Shack 11 element VHF, Winegard SC65 (ch 6). Winegard 20dB VHF preamplifier. HI Q filter for ch 6 (for ch. 5 E skip). Antennas at approximately 25' with rotor.

April 1994

1 Es 0030 KWGNt 2 00 KTVSt 3 00

This opening seemed to take right off and MUFs went up into FM, but was gone by 0230. Early start?

As of May 2, no E skip has been seen, but it does not usually start here until the 15th or so. I am hoping that my channel 6 filter will help out on E skip and meteor scatter for channel 5.

Have started some tests on my 439.25 ATV transmitter. So far so good, but have not yet checked on signal reports and distance. Output is about 10 Watts.

73.

Todd Emslie, 13 Warren St, Ryde, Sydney, Australia 2112

AEST

Equipment:

ICOM R7000 VHF/UHF receiver, AOR AR-3000 scanner. DX Labs UA700 VHF preamp (used in shack). 5 element 45-54 MHz yagi (hor), 8 element 88-108 MHz FM/TV Triax yagi (hor), 14 element 175-220 MHz ch 6-11 highband TV (vert), Emotator 105TS rotator used to rotate above ariels on 1st mast. 14 element ch 6-11 yagi (hor), 54-70 MHz 5 element yagi (vert), 8 element 88-108 MHz FM/TV Triax yagi (vert), Kenpro KR400 used to rotate ariels on 2nd mast. Two National TR505DU 5" b/w TVs modified with outboard selectivity modules to narrow vision IF, Toshiba C531 5" colour TV, outboard varicap tuner Toshiba EG522F. Sanyo Beta and Telefunken VHS VCRs

Decembe	1993		
4 F2	1459	JH1, JF3 50.11 MHz amateurs Japan	
	1722	E2 (48,24 MHz) Genting Sempah Malaysia	3400
10 F2	1747	C1 (49.75 MHz), C2 (57.75 MHz) China several transmitters	5000
Es	1703	ABNS1 (57.25 MHz) Port Pirie South Australia	760
		RTQO (46.17 MHz) Toowoomba Queensland	740
	1812	ABTQ3 (87.25 MHz) Townsville Queensland	1005
18 Es	1800	NZ ch 1 (45.45), ch 2 (55.25), ch 3 (62.25) New Zealand	1400
		FM MUF @ 98.8 MHz New Zealand	1400
28 2E	0830	A2 (55.2474 MHz) KVZK American Samoa	2700
	1450	A2 (55.2474 MHz) KVZK American Samoa	2700
January	1994		
4 2E	1111	FM MUF @ 97.4 MHz Fiji	2000
	1205	A2 KVZK American Samoa	2700
7 F2	1629	F2 (48 24 MHz) Centing Sempsh Malayeis	2400

Todd Emslie (continued)

9 2E	1230	ch 2 (64.25 MHz video) ABW2 Perth Western Australia	2050
Es	2030	ch 4 (95.25 MHz video) ABT4 Tasmania	610
10 Es	1410	ch 0 (46.24 MHz video) ABNT/O St Helens Tasmania	600
	1440	ch 3 (86.25 MHz video) ABNT3 Launceston Tasmania	596
		ch 1 (57.25 MHz video) ABNT1 Wynard Tasmania	600
16 **	1630	A3 (61.2491 MHz video) unid Pacific **multi Es	
2E	1605	A2 KVZK American Samoa	2700
17 2E	0837	A2 KVZK American Samoa	2700
	0952	FM MUF @ 92.1 MHz (KSBS American Samoa)	2700
Es	1051	GTS4 (95.25 MHz video) Port Pirie South Australia	760
2E	1317	FM MUF @ 97.4 MHz Fiji	2000
	1329	FM MUF @ 92.1 MHz (KSBS American Samoa)	2700
F2	1815	E2 (48.25 MHz video) Malaysia	3600
Es	2142	ABRS3 (86.25 MHz video) Loxton South Australia	606
Lo	2172	ABIOS (80:25 MILZ VIGOS) LOXION SOUTH AUSTRALIA	000
February	1994		
7 Es	1007	RTQO (46.17 MHz video) Toowoomba Queensland	740
r Lo	1007	TVQ1 (57.25 MHz video) Bowen Queensland	900
		STQ1 (57.24 MHz video) Gympie Queensland	491
19 Es	4444	ABSQ1 (57,24 MHz Video) Warwick Queensland	400
F2	1628		
F2	1028	C1 (49.75 MHz video) China	5000
March 19	20.4		
		01 (40 75 MHz widon) 00 (57 75 MHz widon) Ohina	5000
10 72/15	1902	C1 (49.75 MHz video), C2 (57.75 MHz video) China	5000
April 19	004		
		N7 cho 1 0 0 New Zeeland	1400
4 Es		NZ chs 1, 2, 3 New Zealand	1400
F2	1121	C1 (49.75 MHz video) China	5000

This is my first contribution to the Western TV-DX column since joining the WTFDA. I did receive a brief mention in Anthony Mann's report back in the March 1986 Eastern TV-DX column.

In 1979, I installed my first outside rotatable yagi ariel for TV-DX. I was 15 years old and still at school at this time. Within a year of installing the yagi, several countries were noted on TV including BBC ch B1 audio (England), TDF ch F2 audio (France), ch R1 Vladivostok (Russia), ch C1 (China) and ch E2 (Malaysia). I first heard about the WTFDA through reading Roger Bunney's TV-DX column in the English magazine Television. In 1986, Anthony Mann visited my place and gave me selected photostats and spare issues of the DX Digest covering 1978-1986. In particular what caught our interest were the trans-oceanic TV-DX reports from James Stiles (Okinawa), John Combs, Jerry Pulice, Rich Turcsany, Glen Jacobs (eastern states) and Pat Dyer (Texas).

Our November to February E skip season provided several high MUF double hop

openings up to 95-100 MHz. The above loggings only include selected highlights.

Since I have been videotaping TV-DX since 1983, a large collection of DX material has been kept on video. I am interested in swapping a 3 hour VHS video tape containing Australian and overseas TV-DX material which includes test cards, logos, and station sign on/sign offs in exchange for a 3 hour VHS tape containing the same typr of material recorded by overseas TV-DXers. Correspondence is also sought from other DXers who are interested in transcontinent or transoceanic TV-FM DX. I can be contacted by writing to the above address.

Randy Miltier, 1185 Linda Ave, Ashland OR 97520 (KK6TQ) (503-482-2314)

Finally settled here in Ashland. I still work in Santa Clara, California, so I commute once a week from Ashland...about 400 miles. I hope to retire within the next year. This means I DX in Santa Clara on a 12" Quaser with a dipole antenna...no frills! In Ashland, I just put up (like today, May 3rd) the Channel Master 1160A on an HD-73 rotor. I might add the 6 meter yagi to this mast, but have to see how the 1160 holds up next winter...the winds get nasty here occasionally. It will be interesting to see what a move 400 miles north will produce. 'Til next time.

DX from Santa Clara CA (12" Quaser color with rabbit ears):

April 1994

26 Es 1401 unid ch 2 Spanish, ID with "2" in a box (see CCI)

1720 unid ch 3 "Wheel of Fortune" (see CCI)

1743 CKCK 2 SK 1250

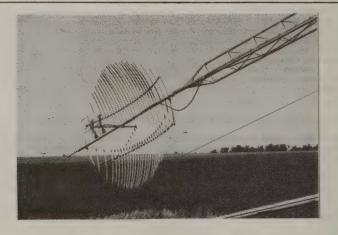
JUNE 1994 MAILING ADDRESS: PROTO-NEWS 12284 Nice Road Akron New York 14001-9529

Our first reporter is: Bill Eckberg -- Dixon Illinois. Equipment: 1966 Zenith b&w receiver model CH 14N22 with modified UHF tuner. Channel Master 1110 Quantum VHF antenna with RDX Labs UA-700 preamp up 41 feet on a Rohn tower. Channel Master 7' UHF dish with RDX Labs UA-900 preamp up 52 feet on a Rohn crank up tower. Jerrold CAC-11 feed for both antenna.

Picture in photo at right are a Channel Master 7 foot UHF dish 80% screened at 52 feet to feed point, 58 feet to top of lightning rod. The preamp is a RDX Labs UA900; designed, built and sold by Jim Dietrich -- Derby Kansas. Rotating the UHF dish is a Yaseu G-400RC rotor. All are mounted on a Rohn tilt-over tower. Feed line is Jerrold CAC-11 coax cable. "By far best setup to date".



Below is a close-up view of the UHF dish (on tilt-over tower) with a different screening method. I used elements from another Channel Master dish. Took three (3) hours to do, is neat, stronger and added five (5) pounds to total weight. It's been up 6 winter months; no problems. Dramatic increase in directivity on all UHF channels and gain on channels 60-69. "Why didn't I do it 35 years ago "?"



more of Bill Eckberg 's antenna setup plus some of his dx photos next month.

Robert Kramer -- Chicago Illinois. Equipment: 1978 RCA 19" b&w set, Sony 19" color set, Mitsubishi HS-422UR stereo VCR. Archer U-120 UHF antenna up 68 feet and a V-185 VHF antenna up 58 feet, both with RG-11 feed. Three Archer 15-1113A adjustable preamps. Alliance HD-73 rotor. Camera equipment: Ricoh XRM 35mm loaded with Kodak T-Max 400 ASA b&w film.

KEMV-6 Mountain View Arkansas 486 mile tropo seen July 4, 1993 at 0648 CDTime

photo at right



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KDIN-11 Des Moines Iowa 309 mile tropo seen July 6, 1993 at 0545 CDTime

Photo at left

KMEG-14 Sioux City Iowa 451 mile tropo seen July 6, 1993 at 0610 CDTime

Photo at right



Till next time Dage

ANTENNAnotes

by Dr. Feedpoint

So by now it's hoped that you all have a deep appreciation of how important a good antenna is for DX'ing on VHF and above. But...how the heck do we know just how good a particular antenna is? You know...how good is it compared to having no antenna at all? How good is it compared to something like a simple pair of "rabbit ears?" How does it compare with that old Sears "\$39.95 special" that Pa went for when he bought that first color TV way back when everyone just had to see what that goofy new "Batman" show looked like in color?

The function of the antenna is to provide your tuner with signal. The better the antenna, the more the signal-generally speaking. The more signal that the antenna can give you, the more GAIN it is said to have. The higher the antenna gain, the more signal it can deliver at the tuner, for a given signal strength.

Under normal conditions there can be some signals present just about 100% of the time at the level of your roof that are too weak to listen to on FM, or too weak to produce a locked-into-sync recognizable picture on TV if you were sitting up there with a pair of rabbit ears or the ribbon twinlead dipole that came "free" with your tuner as it came out of the box. For the sake of argument, lets just say those "ears" or that piece of ribbon twinlead has a relative signal gain value of "1" on a scale where "1" means "times one."

If you want to have any hope of turning that rooftop ambient signal into something you can use, watch, listen to, sing along with, cuss at, etc., You have got to have MORE of it. This is where the concept of a "gain antenna" comes into play. Years of research have produced those elaborate aluminum arrays we have all come to know and love and lust after, because when properly installed, they will offer significant "gain" over those aforementioned simple rabbit ears and ribbon dipoles.

A top-line "deep fringe" antenna, placed up at the same point on the roof where you were sitting with those rabbit ears, could easily provide your tuner with TEN (10) times the signal that was available from just the ears. This kind of thing makes a big difference. Signals formerly unreadable or unrecognizable now "lock in." The number of signals you can recognize across the band increases. Long distance DX opportunities now abound. Thus, we have demonstrated what increasing antenna gain does.

In our little comparison, we used the examples of the rabbit ears or the ribbon twinlead dipoles as the basic antenna. In practical applications, engineers also have specified a standard reference antenna upon which to base all their gain measurements. This hypothetical standard antenna is the half-wave dipole. The length of an actual half-wave dipole would depend upon its design frequency or channel. Thus, in the real world, such a reference dipole would only be built for a single channel. When built according to a standard design, this dipole would exhibit unity gain or a gain factor of exactly 1.000 at that frequency.

The best way for engineers to communicate gain values to each other came to be through use of the decibel system, originally developed to measure audio power. The decibel (abbreviated as "dB") is used in electronics as a quick and easy way to express the ratio between two values of power, or the ratio between two voltage values across a standard impedance.

The dB system is based upon logarithms, and without getting too deeply into theory, let me emphasize one very important thing to remember in understanding it: when you are expressing something in dB, you are not talking about how much; you are talking about how many times. With dB, its all relative. On the one hand, 100 volts is 100 volts, pure and simple. Or you could say 1000 watts is 1000 watts, and that's that. However, 10 dB gain means nothing at all in terms of amount UNLESS you first have a reference to base it on. "My antenna has 10 dB gain..." will not have any real meaning as a statement unless it is first understood that the 10 dB gain is referenced to a standard. That standard, for our purposes, has got to be the aforementioned standard half-wave dipole cut for the particular frequency or channel in question.

ANTENNAnotes...

The amount of gain that any antenna offers is determined by its design. Most all successful VHF antenna designs, and quite a few of the UHF ones, are based upon the half-wave dipole and its refinement, the Yagi-Uda antenna. There are TV and FM antennas on the market that have 0 (thats ZERO) dB gain or less in their design range. Does this surprise you? Well, it shouldn't. Keep in mind that the dB system of gain measurement is relative, with 0 dB gain equal to UNITY GAIN or a gain factor of 1. Thus, you can have a 0 dB gain antenna and still pick up signals, and in fact, a pair of those aforementioned "rabbit ears" often will only show about -0.7 dB gain on the best channel.

Using an antenna to DX frequencies well outside of its design range or resonance often doesn't produce very good results; the reason why could be seen by measuring gain on the frequencies concerned (admittedly, this is easier said than done, but is possible using accurate test equipment in the shop, such as a field strength meter). You might have a channel 13 cut-to-channel yagi that you try to use for DXing on channel 2. That yagi could offer about 10.5 dB gain compared to a reference dipole on channel 13 (such as the General Instrument J105-13 MATV model). Trying to use it down on channel 2 though, would be difficult. You'd find this antenna's actual gain at that channel to be well into the negative numbers, indicating that even a pair of rabbit ears would surpass its channel 2 performance.

Most DXers probably would not go to the trouble of using a cut-to-channel antenna for each channel or frequency of interest. The optimum installation would have antennas for each <u>band</u> instead. This means TV DXers would use a broadband antenna for 54 to 88 MHz (TV channels 2 through 6), another one for 174 to 216 MHz (TV 7 to 13), and finally a UHF model for 470 to 806 MHz (TV 14 to 69). FM DXers need a model to cover just 88 to 108 MHz—and would do well to avoid DXing that band with most kinds of broadband TV antennas, since the models designed for TV often show sharp gain "roll-off" above 88 MHz. In fact, some of them are designed to do this on purpose, to minimize potential FM broadcasting interference to channel 6 TV.

Gain is a concept best understood by the engineer and the technician. For that reason, antenna manufacturers seem to go out of their way in avoiding it when it comes down to dealing with consumers. This leads us to the somewhat sad situation, in the mid-1990's, of most all "top-line" antennas marketed more to the installer than to the consumer. What this has produced is bizarre "mileage" ratings for TV antennas sold at Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, etc. These ratings are also, in and of themselves, relative. The Radio Shack approach is to display the antenna something like this: "Model VU-110 - for reception up to 110 miles." Hunh? Does that mean 110 miles in free space? Over water? On the moon? Nobody at Radio Shack seems to know. Their best model for VHF is called the V-185. Trust me--you won't meet too many people who use it to regularly to watch TV signals over a 185 mile path. If RS ever finds out about E-skip, will they start calling it the V-1200? Actually though, Radio Shack just followed the trend in making mileage claims for their antennas; this kind of thing started a long time ago when the "marketing guys" for many manufacturers realized that the general public really doesn't know how to interpet dB gain claims and ratings.

So the do-it-yourselfer, and this means YOU, the DXer/experimenter, has to "dig" a bit to find out the "specs" when it comes to antennas. Actually, thats not such a bad thing. The more you understand about antennas, the better the choices you are qualified to make. Remember the above example of using the channel 13 yagi to DX channel 2? Well, it may seem like a good idea at the time, but understanding how lousy the gain at channel 2 actually is on a channel 13 antenna is enough to prompt you to make a better choice - like actually whipping out those rabbit ears instead, or better, getting yourself a lowband or broadbanded antenna better suited to the task.

Getting the spec sheets on a particular model of antenna is often tough-to-impossible for anyone who is not a dealer/installer. That's usually not too much of a problem for all but the most fanatical enthusiasts. A better way is usually to find out what kind of top-line antennas other enthusiasts are using with good results and to get one for yourself. It's important, too, to consider the fact that most moderate sized all-channel antennas will be capable of receiving some DX signals. Serious DXers found out long ago that the best VHF results can be had from the top-line VHF-only antennas offered by major manufacturers such as Winegard, ChannelMaster, General Instrument, AntennaCraft, etc., often coming within a dB or so of each other on the gain curves, but with important differences in other specifications such as bandwidth, beam patterns, and so forth. These differences are all due to the variety of designs each company uses to maximize gain. In fact, most TV and FM antennas are actually "hybrids" of the Yagi-Uda and Log Periodic antenna principles.

Finally, you will find that boom length will always play a big part in the design of a high performance antenna. Usually, the longer the antenna boom is, the better it tends to be for DXing, and for reasons more than simply increased gain. Problems arise when a manufacturer takes an antenna design and shortens overall boom length to reduce the unit cost. True, the number of elements in the antenna are what, for the most part, determines the antenna gain; but proper spacing of the elements is most critical in the Yagi-Uda to achieve the best gain for the length of boom involved.

In the next column, we'll look at some other antenna specs you might encounter--and what they mean.

LIGHTNING AND E-SKIP: THE 'CULPRIT' REVEALED AT LAST?

by Larry Curcio

Sporadic-E type signal propagation is the thing that brings in long distance channels 2 to 6 DX, FM broadcast band DX, and AERO band DX most mornings in late Spring and early Summer. But all the "official" findings published about what causes it deny the obvious, which has been suspected by many people for a period of many years. It's like who really killed Kennedy...somehow, you know THEY know but they won't admit it.

Well the cats' now out of the bag, so to speak. VHF ham radio operators observe and use Sporadic-E skip themselves, mostly on the 50-54 MHZ 6 meters ham band, usually at the same time we DX'ers have good TV skip DX.

Ham Radios' excellent magazine \underline{CQ} has been featuring the "VHF PLUS" column of Joe Lynch, N6CL, who hit the nail right on the head during this winter when he first revealed the publication of research on the very thing we DX'ers have suspected all alone

Aviation Week magazine, the famous and well respected aerospace publication, featured a report, "NASA Confirms Odd Atmospheric Flashes." in its 10-18-93 issue (it can be found in many libraries). The report details how two ionospheric scientists, Drs. David Sentuman and Eugene Wescott studied and even managed to photograph (IIGH ALTITUTE lightning flashes during summer '93. Around the Kansas/Nebraska border at an altitude of 40,000 feet along a line of severe thunderstorm activity, extending very high into the ionosphere! Of interest is the fact that there appeared to be about one "upward" strike for every 300 of the conventional cloud/ground or intercloud lightning flash.

It is theorized that these flashes extend upward as high as the 60 to 65 mile height of the "E" layer, the place where, of course, sporadic E skip ionization clouds or "patches" were heretofore somewhat mysteriously formed! Everything from meteor dust to wind shears usually is blamed for causing E skip cloud or concentrated ion patches to form in the layer. These patches are the actual "mirrors" that reflect DX signals back to Earth.

TV DXers very often see stations coming in from an area where there seems to be heavy thunderstorm activity either (a.) imminent or (b.) occurring. In fact, in typical late spring/early summer sporadic E openings, this seems to happen more often than not. Personally speaking, my longest and shortest E-skip catches from Lynn, Mass. were stations that just "happened" to be showing severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings, such as I've seen on Omaha, Nebraska and Wilmington, North Carolina channel 3 stations.

I have also noticed that the early morning "Today Show" type weather maps they show daily often will give you a good idea of where a day's E-skip is going to come from. Just watch them, and notice the areas posting severe weather warnings. Later in the day, usually starting about 10-11 a.m. you will see and hear E skip DX coming FROM THE SAME AREAS! Coincidence? You be the judge.

More research is being conducted, and exciting developments include suggestions that somehow the "D" layer of the ionosphere may also be involved in the process that results in sporadic E skip. Up to now, that was the "good for nothing" layer that absorbed signals, often hampering signals at the HF (SHORTWAVE) frequencies "conclusions may still be years away—but I personally feel that now the "lid" has been blown off the so-called sporadic E skip "mystery." Now, if those of us involved in DX research would only look closer at previously ignored trans-Oceanic E-skip openings, maybe the whole story about sporadic E-skip can finally be told!

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URBAN SIGNAL DIFFRACTION EFFECTS

by Robert Twomey

I read Frank Aden, Jr.'s article on knife edge refraction (KER) propagation in the October 1992 V.U.D. with great interest. I have seen the phenomenon while vacationing in Colorado, and can attest that the effects really are remarkable, with TV stations one should nor be able to receive being watchable in places where one might least expect! A similar effect can be heard on a car FM tuner, although it should be noted some Denver area stations have extremely high transmitting antennas, adding to the results.

I wonder, though, how many DXers outside of large urban areas are aware of similar effects caused by man made structures. High-rise office buildings and water storage towers do produce some interesting results. Science tells us that electromagnetic waves of all lengths diffract when they have a radiopaque object such as a building or mountaintop in their paths of travel. Much of the ghosting one can see in a TV picture, especially in the New York City area and to a much lesser extent places like Boston (and even Albany, New York with its South Mall State Office Complex) is due to such buildings. Yet, there must be away to exploit the existence of these buildings to the DXer's advantage. If any of our reporters out there has been able to use a building, or water tower, etc., as a DX reflector, getting long distance reception reflected from the structure in a situation where it could not be seen on a direct path, I would like to see details of this. Perhaps someone can come up with formulae that we could all use to predict where this effect might take place, based upon the height of local structures.

FM STATISTICS

Featuring FM Scoreboard, All Time FM Distance Records. States Stats and Personal Best Statistics of FW DXers. (Column issued bi-monthly, 1994 Deadlines: July 5th, Sept 5th and Nov 5th) Fred Nordquist 7945 Boxford Rd Clay, NY 13041

UPDATED	5/16/94 F				M SCOREBOARD - ENTRIES CUTOFF - 1990											
DXER NAME		DXI	ER LOCATION	TOTAL	88-92	ES	MS	AU	USA	CN	MX	FO	TPU	YB	AS	OF:
DYER	PAT		SAN ANTONIO	2534	403	2071	67	0	44+	4	21	5	75			/28/92
STROBEL	RALPH	IN	MUNCIE	2200	586	699	175	7	43+	. 7	3	2	56	72		/31/93
BUNTIN MERRILL	DANNY		STILLWATER MACOMB	1986 1963	331	1175	4	0	48+	5	9	2	65	74		/02/94
PUGH	KEITH		NEW HOPE	1907	297	804 964	95	18	47	8 7	6	5	63 70	83		/19/92 /23/93
EBELING	JOHN	MN	BLOOMINGTON	1782	306	1016	51	83	47+	6	5	0	59	52		01/94
ELVING	BRUCE	MN	DULUTH	1750	318	1375	9	8	47+	4	1	0	53	48		/10/92
FELA	JOSEPH	NJ	S. PLAINFIELD	1717	378	912	2	10	37+	6	0	3	47	68		/10/94
CONIGLIO	GREG	MY	WILLIAMSVILLE	1701	300	843	24	38	41+	8	2	4	54	85		109/93
NORDQUIST	FRED	NY	CLAY	1645	345	805	48	59	41+	5	0	3	50	69		/14/93
BUGAJ NIEMAN	DAVID	CT	ENFIELD AKRON	1592 1512	234 409	970	25 53	23	37+ 43+	5	1	3	47 55	74 59		/11/93
MCCORMACK	FRED	ND	FARGO	1339	305	990	3	52	48+	6	3	0	58	74		/07/93 /03/90
SEYBOLD	BOB		DUNKIRK	1326	212	611	Ö	2	45	8	3	3	59	58		/24/90
EBELING	JOHN	MN	PROSIT	1291	246	840	4	6	48+	9	2	0	60	75		01/94
JEFFERSON	JOHN	CA	DIABLO REGION	1212	274	705	?	1	29	4	6	0	39	74		/14/92
ALLEN	DOUGLAS	CO	WOODLAND PARK	1122	168	854	83	19	40	5	4	0	49	88		/24/93
HAWK	MIKE	NE	OMAHA	1080	203	491	29	0	47+	4	4	0	56	91		04/93
SMOLAREK	BOB		OLDWICK	1046	175	458	. 2	4	36+	4	0	2	43	78		10/93
BRUMFIELD	DAVE	IN	RICHMOND DUNKIRK *	897 884	165 233	325	15	0	36	`4	2	2	44	81		01/91/28/94
SHAFTAN	RICHARD	NJ	ROCKAWAY	882	183	313	10	0	34+	7	0	1	46	59 78		/30/93
MICHALEK	ALAN		SPRINGFIELD	812	106	495	10	0	36+	5	0	0	42	52		01/90
ROSS	ROBERT		LONDON	760	214	308	0	0	34	7	ŏ	2	43	76		/27/92
OETTING	DANIEL		EXTON	756	190	250	9	2	34+	6	0	0	41	77		/07/91
STEINBERGER	RICHARD	MA	HUDSON	736	155	329	12	6	35+	4	0	0	40	58	05/	101/94
SIEGEL	GARY		TOLEDO	718	156	149	0	0	32+	5	2	1	41	76		10/94
JEFFERSON	JOHN		ANTIOCH	710	172	358	43	1	21	4	4	0	29	88		14/92
GREENE	GEORGE		AKRON	706	54	234	0	0	33+	3	0	0	37	71		09/91
SITTEL BRUMFIELD	MAT'T DAVE	FL	TALLAHASSEE	701 682	103	206	1	0	29	2	3	2	41	92 79		/21/93 /01/90
HALL	D. BRUCE		BRANTFORD	670	121	69	96	2	39+	5	1	2	48	90		10/93
WISEBLOOD	STEVEN		BROWNSVILLE	652	. 146	191	4	Õ	27	0	8	7	42	92		08/94
NIENAJADLY	BILL	NJ	CLIFTON	640	103	235	8	0	34+	2	0	1	38	75		/30/92
NIEMAN	DAVID	NY	ROCK CITY	597	135	44	4	0	25+	2	0	0	28	91		07/93
MEADE	LARRY		CHICAGO	459	85	65	6	0	23	2	0	0	25	79		05/90
SITTEL	MATT	NC	RALEIGH	456	66	164	0	2	23+	1	3	0	28	88		02/92
NOLLMAN MORGAN	BILL	MO	NORWICH STOCKTON	453	46	155	17	0	31+	9	0	1	35	93		24/91
BRANDENBURG	TODD	KS	SILVER LAKE	418	68	58	1	0	27	. 1	0	0	28	80		14/92
GEORGE	PETER		STOUGHTON	319	67	95	20	2	35+	5	ő	0	41	67		02/93
MANCUSO	GUS	MD	CHEVERLY	318	55	61	0	ō	23+	0	Ö	0	24	70		107/92
HEPBURN	WILLIAM	ON	BRAMPTON	309	183	83	1	6	21	2	0	- 1	24	85		10/91
RENFREW	JIM	NY	ROCHESTER	282	70	51	0	0	20+	2	0	0	23	76		10/92
MANCUSO	GUS	MA	BIRCH RIVER	248	28	4	0	0	15	0	0	0	15	87		05/92
MOUNT	PAUL	NJ	MONMOUTH	195	25	20	0	0	17+	0	0	0	18	90		17/92 25/93
JEZIORKSI	MIKE		CRESCENT BEACH	191	38 15	29	0	0	17	0	0	0	10	91		17/94
TUDENHAM	JOHN KEN	MO	JOPLIN STEGER	168	35	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	68		09/93
MEADE	LARRY		PRICE	165	35	0	14	0	10+	Ö	0	0	11	79		05/90
WHEELER	FRANK		ERIE	162	23	2	0	ő	8	1	0	0	9	64		20/90
REMINGTON	SHEL		KEAAU	135	19	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	89	05/	02/94
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